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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Police Chiefs Association is approaching
2 its 50th anniversary, and this occasion provides a fitting
3 opportunity to pay tribute to this esteemed organization and to
4 recognize two of its founding members, Chief J. T. Alley of Lubbock
5 and Chief Wiley Alexander of Amarillo; and

6 WHEREAS, The TPCA was founded in 1958 when five Texas police
7 chiefs met in San Antonio to discuss the common problems they faced
8 as law enforcement administrators; in addition to Chief Alley and
9 Chief Alexander, this group included Chief Warren Dotson of
10 Abilene, Chief Carl Hansen of Dallas, and Chief George Bichsel of
11 San Antonio; they decided to form the Texas Police Chiefs
12 Association and to hold a meeting later that year in Dallas; and

13 WHEREAS, That gathering was attended by more than 50 police
14 chiefs from across the state, who approved the TPCA bylaws and
15 elected Chief Hansen as the association's first president; the
16 organization has since dedicated itself to furthering the
17 professional practice of law enforcement administration throughout
18 Texas; and

19 WHEREAS, After the TPCA became affiliated with the Texas
20 Municipal League in 1960, its membership increased significantly,
21 and in the decade that followed, the organization consolidated its
22 support for educational opportunities for police officers; the TPCA
23 backed the creation of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement
24 Officers Standards and Education and worked closely with the

1 authors of the legislation that created the Bill Blackwood Law
2 Enforcement Management Institute of Texas, which is today
3 recognized as a national leader in training police administrators;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The TPCA now has more than 500 members who come from
6 law enforcement agencies of all types, including those that serve
7 large and small cities, independent school districts, colleges and
8 universities, and special districts; throughout its long history,
9 the association has been made up of members who are focused on the
10 ideal of serving and protecting the citizens of Texas, and its
11 steadfast efforts to enhance the quality of law enforcement
12 administration have greatly benefited the safety and welfare of the
13 Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
15 hereby honor the Texas Police Chiefs Association for a half-century
16 of distinguished service and acknowledge former TPCA presidents
17 J. T. Alley and Wiley Alexander for their roles in the formation of
18 the organization; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
20 for the association, Chief Alley, and Chief Alexander as an
21 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives and
22 Senate.