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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Chief Steve Klempa of the Iowa Park Police
2 Department begins a new chapter of his life with his retirement on
3 March 30, 2007; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of New Jersey, Steve Klempa served his
5 country as a military policeman in the air force; he met Opal, his
6 wife of 45 years, while he was stationed in Austin; and

7 WHEREAS, After leaving the service, Mr. Klempa joined the
8 police department in Temple, where he rose through the ranks from
9 officer to deputy chief; during his long tenure, he became an expert
10 in many facets of police work, from patrol duty to internal affairs
11 investigation; a veteran polygraph examiner as well, he set up the
12 first polygraph lab at the department; and

13 WHEREAS, Chief Klempa furthered his education by studying at
14 the police academy and the University of Central Texas in Killeen;
15 he holds a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice, and he is
16 also a proud 1974 graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico,
17 Virginia; and

18 WHEREAS, This dedicated law enforcement officer left Temple
19 after 28 years and went on to serve as chief of the Copperas Cove
20 Police Department for four years; after a brief initial retirement,
21 Chief Klempa returned to police work for 3-1/2 years with the
22 Robinson Police Department, and he has headed the Iowa Park Police
23 Department since 2002, where he managed a department of 11 officers
24 and six civilian employees; working with the community, he has been

1 instrumental in maintaining Iowa Park's quality of life and low
2 crime rate; and

3 WHEREAS, Chief Steve Klempa has been serving and protecting
4 communities in Texas for nearly 40 years, and his exemplary record
5 as a law enforcement officer has earned him the admiration and
6 respect of both the public and his fellow officers; now, therefore,
7 be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Steve Klempa on his retirement from
10 the Iowa Park Police Department and extend to him sincere best
11 wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Chief Klempa as an expression of high regard by the
14 Texas House of Representatives.