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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Midland police officer Ricardo Candelaria has  
2 earned the Law Enforcement Achievement Award for outstanding public  
3 service from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer  
4 Standards and Education; and

5           WHEREAS, Each year, the commission recognizes officers who  
6 have exceeded the normal expectations of job performance through  
7 acts of valor, public service, or professional achievement; Officer  
8 Candelaria is one of 20 officers from throughout Texas who are being  
9 honored at the 2007 awards ceremony on May 9 in Austin; and

10           WHEREAS, A member of the Midland Police Department since  
11 1980, Officer Candelaria currently serves as a detective in the  
12 Crimes Against Persons Division; and

13           WHEREAS, This dedicated public servant has been active with  
14 the Special Olympics for more than 20 years; in addition to  
15 volunteering as coordinator and participant in the Law Enforcement  
16 Torch Run, Officer Candelaria has held a number of leadership roles  
17 in the organization; a member of the Special Olympics Texas board of  
18 directors, he is chair of the Texas Law Enforcement Torch Run, and  
19 under his direction, the group raised more than \$1.5 million in 2005  
20 and 2006; moreover, he currently leads a five-state area as a  
21 Regional Torch Run coordinator for the International Torch Run  
22 Council and has helped to bring new funds and awareness to the  
23 Special Olympics in San Salvador by serving as a translator and  
24 ambassador for a visiting Torch Run group; and

1           WHEREAS, Affectionately known in the Special Olympics  
2 community as "Candy," Officer Candelaria has been honored for his  
3 commendable efforts in behalf of the group with induction into the  
4 Texas State Torch Run Hall of Fame and International Torch Run Hall  
5 of Fame; and

6           WHEREAS, Ricardo Candelaria's logistical contributions to  
7 the Special Olympics are considerable, and his heartfelt enthusiasm  
8 and generosity of spirit have truly made a difference in the lives  
9 of many; his receipt of this award is indeed deserving of  
10 recognition, and it provides a fitting opportunity to honor him;  
11 now, therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby congratulate Officer Ricardo Candelaria on  
14 receiving the Law Enforcement Achievement Award for outstanding  
15 public service from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer  
16 Standards and Education and extend to him sincere best wishes for  
17 the future; and, be it further

18           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for Officer Candelaria as an expression of high regard by  
20 the Texas House of Representatives.