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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Police Chief Larry Zacharias has been a dedicated 2 public servant for three decades, and his efforts have benefited 3 not only his fellow Richardson citizens, but also other Texans 4 working in law enforcement; and

5 WHEREAS, A member of the Richardson Police Department since 6 1977, Chief Zacharias has served in almost every division during 7 the course of his notable career; after a decade with RPD's SWAT 8 Unit, he was promoted to captain, and in this position he commanded 9 special operations, administrative services, patrol, and the 10 investigations division; and

11 WHEREAS, He was named deputy chief in 1995, overseeing 12 planning and fiscal affairs, personnel and training, computer 13 support, background investigations, crime prevention, and student 14 resource officers until 1997, when he assumed command of the 15 department's uniformed services bureau; through years of hard work 16 and dedication to duty, he earned the respect and admiration of his 17 peers, and in July 2002, he was appointed chief of police; and

WHEREAS, Chief Zacharias has shared his vast experience in law enforcement and natural leadership abilities with the Texas Police Chiefs Association; as chair of the group's Legislative Affairs Committee, he has striven to highlight the needs of police departments throughout the Lone Star State; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work with the TPCA,
Chief Zacharias has been a member of the board of directors of the

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Institute of Law Enforcement Administration and the North Texas Computer Forensics Laboratory and an appointee to the International Association of Chiefs of Police Environmental Crimes Committee; also chosen as an instructor for the FBI's International Training Program, he has worked with police officers from around the world on issues of internal conduct; and

7 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Chief Zacharias has 8 exemplified the highest ideals of public service, and he has 9 contributed immeasurably to the safety and well-being of his fellow 10 Texans as well as to his profession; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas 12 Legislature hereby commend Police Chief Larry Zacharias for his 30 13 years of service to the Richardson Police Department and recognize 14 his important work as legislative committee chair of the Texas 15 Police Chiefs Association; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 17 prepared for Chief Zacharias as an expression of high regard by the 18 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2676 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House