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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

1 Institute of Law Enforcement Administration and the North Texas
2 Computer Forensics Laboratory and an appointee to the International
3 Association of Chiefs of Police Environmental Crimes Committee;
4 also chosen as an instructor for the FBI's International Training
5 Program, he has worked with police officers from around the world on
6 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.