

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 520

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Jerry Neal, who is retiring on March 31, 2007, after 26 years of loyal service as the chief of the Amarillo Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Chief Neal joined the department on February 16, 1981, during a time of dissention; during his first two years in office, he successfully confronted and resolved personnel and procedural issues at the department; and

WHEREAS, He turned the department around through several innovative programs and the development of new units; the early years of his tenure saw the creation of the Potter-Randall Special Crimes Unit, which has had a high rate of success in solving homicide cases; and

WHEREAS, Under his direction, the department also formed the Drive-By Shooting Response Team, the Traffic Investigative Unit, and the Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving Unit, which conducts directed patrols in specific neighborhoods and focuses on quality-of-life issues; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Chief Neal has been known to stop and help police officers, which is an example of his generosity and his approach to members of his staff; a talented and resourceful individual, he has handled his many responsibilities with consummate skill, dedication, and consideration for others; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary law enforcement officer, Chief Neal is admired and respected by his colleagues and by the citizens of Amarillo, and his presence at the Amarillo Police Department will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend Jerry Neal on his exceptional years of service as the chief of the Amarillo Police Department and his many contributions to our state and extend to him best wishes for the retirement years ahead; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 19, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate