

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Paris Police Chief Karl Louis is retiring on January
2 30, 2009, after leading the city's police department with
3 distinction for almost two decades; and

4 WHEREAS, A graduate of the East Texas Police Academy in
5 Kilgore, Chief Louis began his career as a patrol officer with the
6 Paris police force in 1981; he soon became a warrant officer and
7 investigator with the criminal investigations division and in 1986
8 was promoted to sergeant; and

9 WHEREAS, This dedicated professional furthered his education
10 as he progressed through the ranks; he graduated from the Federal
11 Bureau of Investigation National Academy in 1995 and earned his
12 Master Peace Officer certificate from the Texas Commission on Law
13 Enforcement Standards and Education; and

14 WHEREAS, Since taking office on January 1, 1990, Chief Louis
15 has led the police force with diligence and integrity, and he has
16 undertaken countless measures to improve efficiency and expand
17 services; he increased the number of officers from 39 to 62 and
18 established the S.W.A.T. team, as well as new positions for
19 officers focusing on schools, crime prevention, auto thefts, and
20 Drug Abuse Resistance Education; he also created a K-9 program for
21 the department; and

22 WHEREAS, Chief Louis has reached out to the community in
23 myriad ways; he established the Paris Police Athletic League to
24 help keep children off the streets and engaged in meaningful,

1 supervised activity; moreover, he organized the All Police Rodeo to
2 raise funds for the Lamar County Crime Stoppers Association; and

3 WHEREAS, Admired for his courtesy and enthusiasm, Chief Louis
4 has set high standards for community relations; he is much in demand
5 as a speaker by local organizations, and his efforts to solicit
6 advice and suggestions from citizens have enhanced public support
7 for the department; in recognition of his contributions, the Rotary
8 Club of Paris named him its January 2009 Officer of the Month; and

9 WHEREAS, Chief Karl Louis has demonstrated exceptional skill
10 and commitment throughout his career, and under his able
11 leadership, the Paris Police Department has built a sterling
12 reputation for both aggressive police work and progressive
13 programs; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the 81st Texas Legislature hereby
15 congratulate Karl Louis on his retirement from the Paris Police
16 Department and extend to him best wishes for continued success and
17 happiness; and, be it further

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

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 25 was adopted by the House on January 29, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 25 was adopted by the Senate on February 3, 2009, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor