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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.