

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Melvin A. Arnold has reached a significant milestone  
2 in his extraordinary 60-year career in law enforcement with his  
3 retirement in 2008 as chief deputy sheriff of the Jim Wells County  
4 Sheriff Department in Alice; and

5           WHEREAS, Born in 1927 in Lott, Mr. Arnold began his career as  
6 a peace officer in 1948 with the Robstown Police Department; he took  
7 time away from the department to serve his nation as a United States  
8 Marine, receiving his honorable discharge at the rank of sergeant  
9 in 1952; and

10          WHEREAS, Mr. Arnold returned to the Robstown PD following his  
11 military service, and, until he left the department in 1980, he  
12 distinguished himself in a number of positions, including traffic  
13 officer, patrol sergeant, assistant chief, and captain of  
14 detectives; he served twice as chief of the department; and

15          WHEREAS, In 1981, Mr. Arnold went to work for the Jim Wells  
16 County Sheriff Department, where he served as chief deputy sheriff  
17 for nearly 30 years; although he has retired from that position, he  
18 continues to stand ready as a member of the department's reserve  
19 force, making him one of the oldest active peace officers in Texas;  
20 and

21          WHEREAS, For more than six decades, Chief Deputy Arnold's  
22 dedication, professionalism, and commitment to the public safety  
23 have greatly benefited his fellow Texans, and he may indeed reflect  
24 with pride on a career well spent; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
2 Legislature hereby congratulate Melvin A. Arnold on his retirement  
3 as chief deputy sheriff and commend him for his continuing service  
4 to the Jim Wells County Sheriff Department; and, be it further

5           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
6 prepared for Chief Deputy Arnold as an expression of high regard by  
7 the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 145

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 145 was adopted by the House on  
February 9, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House