

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Gordon Morris retired as the sheriff of Lampasas
2 County in 2008, drawing to a close a notable career in law
3 enforcement that spanned 35 years; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of West Texas, Mr. Morris started his
5 career as a peace officer in Arizona, working as a patrolman for the
6 Wilcox Police Department from February 1973 to June 1974; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Morris then returned to Texas, where he worked
8 briefly for the Midland Sheriff's Office before serving with the
9 Highland Park Police Department from September 1974 to May 1975;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, In June of 1975, Mr. Morris joined the Lampasas
12 County Sheriff's Office and was appointed as a justice of the peace
13 three years later; his tenure as the county's chief law enforcement
14 officer began in 1980, when he was appointed to complete the
15 unexpired term of the previously elected sheriff; and

16 WHEREAS, This respected professional went on to serve seven
17 terms as the Lampasas County sheriff; voters repeatedly returned
18 him to office over the course of nearly three decades, which is a
19 testament to the high regard in which he is held by his fellow
20 citizens; and

21 WHEREAS, For 29 years, Sheriff Morris dedicated himself to
22 preserving the safety and security of the people of Lampasas
23 County, earning the admiration of his colleagues and his community,
24 and he may indeed reflect with pride on his many exceptional

1 achievements; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
3 Legislature hereby congratulate Sheriff Gordon Morris on his
4 retirement from the Lampasas County Sheriff's Office and extend to
5 him sincere best wishes for his continued success and happiness;
6 and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Sheriff Morris as an expression of high regard by the
9 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 276

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 276 was adopted by the House on
February 17, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House