

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas are
2 gathering in Austin on February 17, 2009, to participate in
3 Sheriffs' Association of Texas Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, The Texas Constitution created the office of sheriff
5 in each county of the state; legislation requires that a sheriff
6 conserve the peace and enforce the criminal laws of the state; the
7 sheriff is also responsible for the county jail, bail bonds, civil
8 process, and the security of the courts; in some smaller counties,
9 the sheriff may also act as the tax collector; and

10 WHEREAS, The Sheriffs' Association of Texas is one of the
11 nation's oldest law enforcement organizations; the first meeting of
12 this esteemed organization took place on August 14, 1874, when
13 members adopted a preamble calling for sheriffs to assist one
14 another in the execution of the law, in the discharge of their
15 duties against criminals, and in the protection of the citizens of
16 their respective counties and throughout the state; the association
17 has continued to pursue this mission; and

18 WHEREAS, The sheriffs of the 254 counties of Texas are
19 elected to four-year terms, and each sheriff is a member of the
20 Sheriffs' Association of Texas; more than 2,500 individuals are
21 active members, while more than 45,000 are associate members; and

22 WHEREAS, For more than 130 years, the members of the
23 Sheriffs' Association of Texas have dedicated themselves to
24 ensuring the safety and welfare of the citizens of the Lone Star

1 State, and this special day provides an opportunity for the state to
2 pay tribute to these law enforcement professionals; now, therefore,
3 be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
5 Legislature hereby recognize February 17, 2009, as Sheriffs'
6 Association of Texas Day at the State Capitol and commend the
7 members of the association for their many contributions to our
8 state; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for the Sheriffs' Association of Texas as an expression of
11 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Straus	Gattis	Menendez
Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Pena
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

H.R. No. 476

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 476 was adopted by the House on
February 17, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House