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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.