

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Irving Police Department has worked with
2 exceptional skill and dedication to ensure the safety of Irving
3 residents, and the city's crime rate was reduced to a record low in
4 2008; and

5 WHEREAS, Police Chief Larry Boyd and his officers have
6 undertaken a number of crucial initiatives to address the root
7 causes of crime and disorder; working in close cooperation with
8 city officials, the department prioritized code enforcement in
9 keeping with the "broken windows theory" that crime thrives when
10 neighborhoods are not clean and well kept; one of the most dangerous
11 streets in the area experienced a 75 percent drop in crime after
12 neglected buildings were targeted; in addition, 19 substandard
13 multifamily properties and three rundown motels across the city
14 were closed, prompting many landlords to swiftly address problems
15 at their properties; and

16 WHEREAS, The department also increased the police presence at
17 two troubled apartment complexes, resulting in remarkable
18 improvements; the department has used volunteers as a valuable
19 resource and has deployed five new cars for trained citizens to
20 patrol neighborhoods; in order to reduce vehicle thefts and
21 burglaries, the force added five sky-watch trailers; moreover, the
22 department participates in the Criminal Alien Program of United
23 States Immigration and Customs Enforcement and in a little over two
24 years referred to ICE a record number of arrestees believed to be in

1 the country illegally; and

2 WHEREAS, Since 2004, Irving's crime rate has fallen steadily
3 on an annual basis and has declined from 55.12 to 45.30 crimes per
4 1,000 residents over the past five years; the entire police force
5 has demonstrated exceptional diligence and professionalism, and
6 its members can take great pride in their successful efforts to
7 fight crime; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
9 Legislature hereby commend Chief Larry Boyd and the Irving Police
10 Department for their noteworthy achievements and extend to them
11 sincere appreciation for their outstanding work; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Chief Boyd and the department as an expression of high
14 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Harper-Brown

H.R. No. 478

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 478 was adopted by the House on February 17, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House