

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, In a distinguished law enforcement career that has  
2 spanned four decades, Tommy W. Williams has provided exemplary  
3 service as the sheriff of Atascosa County; and

4           WHEREAS, First elected in 1972, Sheriff Williams has been  
5 returned to office nine times since; when his present and final term  
6 ends in 2012, he will be the fourth-longest-serving sheriff in  
7 Texas history, and he is already the Lone Star State's most  
8 experienced active-duty sheriff; and

9           WHEREAS, This respected public servant hails from a family  
10 that arrived in Atascosa County in 1827 and that has a long history  
11 of law enforcement leadership in the area; his great-grandfather  
12 served as sheriff during the Civil War and a great-uncle held the  
13 office in the 1880s; and

14           WHEREAS, During the years Tommy Williams has worn the badge,  
15 he has guided the department through a period of immense change,  
16 with the county population more than doubling and the number of  
17 sheriff's department employees growing from five to over 75;  
18 despite the added complexity of his job, he has maintained his  
19 common-sense approach to law enforcement as well as his personal  
20 connection to the people he serves; and

21           WHEREAS, A familiar presence throughout the county, Sheriff  
22 Williams knows countless residents by name and has built a  
23 reputation for being tough but fair in his dealings with suspected  
24 lawbreakers; and

1           WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, he enjoys the love and  
2 support of his wife, Sandra, as well as his daughter and two  
3 grandchildren; in his spare time, he raises horses and races them,  
4 and he looks forward to spending more time on those activities after  
5 completing his final term in office; and

6           WHEREAS, Tommy Williams has devoted his professional law  
7 enforcement career to assisting and safeguarding the citizens of  
8 Atascosa County, and he may take justifiable pride in his  
9 longstanding record of achievement; now, therefore, be it

10          RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
11 Legislature hereby honor Sheriff Tommy W. Williams for his  
12 outstanding service to Atascosa County and extend to him sincere  
13 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

14          RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for Sheriff Williams as an expression of high regard by the  
16 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 770

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 770 was adopted by the House on March 19, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House