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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Former police chief Larry Zacharias was named
2 Citizen of the Year by the Richardson Chamber of Commerce at the
3 organization's annual banquet on February 6, 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, Beginning as a patrol officer in 1977, Larry
5 Zacharias worked his way through almost every division and section
6 of the Richardson Police Department, and he held such positions as
7 SWAT commander and captain before becoming chief in 2002; in
8 addition to his invaluable contributions to the city of Richardson,
9 Chief Zacharias emerged as a strong advocate for public safety
10 legislation at the state and national levels, and he served as chair
11 of the Legislative Affairs Committee for the Texas Police Chiefs
12 Association; he was also appointed to the Environmental Crimes
13 Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and
14 he was selected as an instructor for the FBI's International
15 Training Program; and

16 WHEREAS, After devoting more than three decades to the
17 Richardson police force, Chief Zacharias retired in 2008; his
18 distinguished leadership helped make the department one of the most
19 respected law enforcement agencies in North Texas, and it earned
20 him numerous accolades, including the Career Achievement Award from
21 the Texas Police Chiefs Association and the Community Builder Award
22 from the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas; and

23 WHEREAS, Through his outstanding service to the community,
24 Larry Zacharias has garnered the lasting respect and appreciation

1 of his fellow residents, and his selfless efforts were duly
2 recognized with this award from the Richardson Chamber of Commerce;
3 now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Larry Zacharias on his selection as
6 Citizen of the Year and extend to him sincere best wishes for
7 continued success and happiness; and, be it further

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