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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, An exemplary peace officer and public official,
2 Gregory Allen was named chief of the El Paso Police Department in
3 2008; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Allen first entered the El Paso Police Academy
5 in January of 1978, and he received his commission as a police
6 officer in April of 1978; he also holds a bachelor's degree in
7 sociology; and

8 WHEREAS, In the early years of his career, Officer Allen was
9 assigned to Central Station; he was a field training officer for two
10 years and a patrol officer for five years; and

11 WHEREAS, From 1983 to 1988, Officer Allen served with the
12 Tactical Division, an elite unit that dealt with such specialized
13 assignments as aggravated robbery stakeouts, burglary apprehension
14 details, riot control, and the protection of dignitaries; and

15 WHEREAS, Officer Allen went on to serve as a training
16 specialist, instructing cadets and officers in firearms,
17 self-defense, physical training, and the law from 1988 to 1990; and

18 WHEREAS, Promoted to sergeant in 1990, he continued to
19 distinguish himself in the Central Command Patrol Division, the
20 Tactical Section, and the Auto Theft Division; in September of
21 1990, he became the leader of a full-time SWAT unit, training
22 members, procuring equipment, and managing the budget; and

23 WHEREAS, After assignments as patrol sergeant and shift
24 commander in Central Division, and as patrol shift commander and

1 acting commander in Mission Valley, this outstanding law
2 enforcement officer was made interim deputy chief of Region 1 in
3 2003; the following year, he was promoted to deputy chief; and

4 WHEREAS, In December of 2007, Deputy Chief Allen became
5 interim chief of police, and on March 31, 2008, he was permanently
6 appointed to the position; and

7 WHEREAS, For the past year, Chief Allen has been responsible
8 for a dynamic department made up of more than 1,100 officers and
9 nearly 300 civilian employees, and his skillful leadership benefits
10 from his years of experience, an extensive knowledge of the
11 community, and a strong commitment to the highest standards of
12 professional ethics and personal integrity; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
14 Legislature hereby congratulate Gregory Allen on his 2008
15 appointment as Chief of Police for the City of El Paso and extend to
16 him sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and,
17 be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Chief Allen as an expression of high regard by the
20 Texas House of Representatives.