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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Officer Mark White of the Garland Police Department
2 has received a departmental commendation and has been recognized by
3 the Optimist Club of Garland as Officer of the Month for February
4 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, A handler with the K-9 unit, Officer White has ably
6 served the department for 14 years; he patrols the city's streets on
7 the night shift with his German shepherd partner, Kenzo; and

8 WHEREAS, Officer White has distinguished himself through his
9 diligence, skill, and dedication; in November 2008, he noticed
10 suspicious activity near a pickup truck in a commercial area and
11 approached an individual engaging in furtive behavior; Officer
12 White then witnessed a box of copper wiring suddenly emerge from
13 under the gate of a nearby business; and

14 WHEREAS, Climbing onto the bumper of his squad car, he
15 spotted the man who had pushed the box out from the other side of the
16 gate and ordered him to come out; finding that the back of the
17 pickup truck was loaded with boxes and bundles of stolen copper
18 telephone wire, he arrested both men; and

19 WHEREAS, Metal theft is a growing problem throughout the
20 country, and Garland has experienced numerous incidents; Officer
21 White's heightened awareness of this issue and swift recognition of
22 criminal behavior resulted in the apprehension of two thieves and
23 the return of stolen property; and

24 WHEREAS, Officer Mark White has demonstrated true commitment

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1 to the well-being and safety of Garland residents; his caring
2 attitude and decisive action are a credit to his department and to
3 the law enforcement profession; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Officer Mark White of the Garland
6 Police Department on being named Officer of the Month for February
7 2009 by the Optimist Club and on his departmental commendation for
8 thwarting a crime in progress and extend to him sincere best wishes
9 for continued success; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Officer White as an expression of high regard by the
12 Texas House of Representatives.