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H.R. No. 2403

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In honor of a lifetime of devoted service to law
2 enforcement and the martial arts, the Texas House of
3 Representatives is pleased to recognize August 8, 2009, as Robert
4 K. Koga Day in Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, Interned with his family at Topaz Internment Camp in
6 Utah during World War II, Mr. Koga first learned martial arts at the
7 age of 12, in order to defend himself from the gangs that formed
8 within the facility; he later went on to study Greco-Roman
9 wrestling in high school; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1949, Mr. Koga answered his nation's call to duty
11 and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, and while serving in Japan and
12 Korea he continued his pursuit of excellence in the martial arts;
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14 WHEREAS, In 1955, Mr. Koga joined the Los Angeles Police
15 Department, where he worked in the patrol, narcotics, detective,
16 and traffic and training divisions until his retirement in 1979;
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18 WHEREAS, Mr. Koga studied under Aikido master Koichi Tohei in
19 the 1960s, and he went on to develop his own system, Koga Jutsu, a
20 system of self-defense and arrest control techniques designed for
21 use by police officers; and

22 WHEREAS, The author of four books on this powerful martial
23 art, Mr. Koga has trained officers in the technique around the
24 world, offering instruction to Navy Seals, the Delta Force, the

1 Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and the Royal Brigade Guards of the
2 King of Saudi Arabia; the Koga method has also been taught at police
3 academies across the United States and in Mexico and China; and

4 WHEREAS, For 25 years, Mr. Koga has been certifying
5 instructors of the Carrollton Police Department in his techniques,
6 and for the past 16 years, this dedicated law enforcement
7 professional has journeyed to Carrollton on a regular basis to
8 personally train the department's instructors; and

9 WHEREAS, A world-renowned expert in the effective use of
10 martial arts techniques for peace officers, Robert Koga has made a
11 vital difference in the lives of the men and women of the Carrollton
12 Police Department, helping to ensure their safety and effectiveness
13 in the execution of their duties; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
15 Legislature hereby recognize August 8, 2009, as Robert K. Koga Day
16 in the State of Texas and extend to him sincere best wishes for
17 continued success and happiness; and, be it further

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