

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Thomas F. Roberts of Valentine demonstrated an
2 exemplary commitment to public service as sheriff and tax
3 assessor-collector of Jeff Davis County; and

4 WHEREAS, Urged by local citizens to make a bid for the office
5 of sheriff, Tom Roberts won election in 2004 and served a notable
6 tenure from January 2005 through December 2008; he was also one of
7 16 charter members of the Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition; and

8 WHEREAS, This native Texan served in the U.S. Marine Corps
9 and embarked on a career in law enforcement in 1972 in New Mexico,
10 where he served as a deputy sheriff, police officer, and police
11 chief; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1981, Mr. Roberts returned to the Lone Star State
13 to help care for his parents, and he returned to the law enforcement
14 profession 10 years later; he served as a police officer in a number
15 of Central Texas communities and held the office of chief of police
16 in Florence; he also served as chief deputy with the Mason County
17 Sheriff's Office; and

18 WHEREAS, In May 1998, Mr. Roberts accepted the position of
19 deputy sheriff in Valentine, in Jeff Davis County; his myriad
20 duties ranged from investigating criminal cases and traffic
21 accidents to herding errant cattle; in conjunction with the Texas
22 Rangers, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Immigration and
23 Customs Enforcement, and other police organizations, Mr. Roberts
24 and his colleagues seized several tons of marijuana and apprehended

1 a number of illegal aliens; and

2 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Roberts has enjoyed the
3 love and support of his wife, Mary, and their children, Barbara and
4 Richard; and

5 WHEREAS, Each day, public servants enhance the quality of
6 life for their fellow citizens in innumerable ways, and Tom Roberts
7 can indeed take pride in his notable efforts in behalf of his
8 community, his state, and his nation; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
10 Legislature hereby commend Thomas F. Roberts for his service to
11 Jeff Davis County and to his fellow Texans and extend to him sincere
12 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

Gallego

H.R. No. 2480

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2480 was adopted by the House on May 28, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House