

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 495

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Captain Richard W. Holland, who is retiring after 32 years of outstanding service with the Houston Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Captain Holland joined the Houston Police Department in 1977 as a member of the Houston Police Academy; he began his career as a patrol officer in the Northeast Patrol Division, and he was promoted to detective in 1980 and transferred to the Homicide Division, later also working in Internal Affairs and Central Patrol; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Captain Holland has been noted for his leadership, his technical expertise, and his ability to conduct complex criminal investigations; he rose rapidly through the ranks, earning the rank of sergeant in 1984, lieutenant in 1986, and captain in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Talented and resourceful, Captain Holland has handled his many responsibilities with exceptional bravery and dedication; he has served in a wide array of positions, including as commander of the Employment Services, Homicide, and Criminal Intelligence Divisions and the Westside Command Station, and he has managed the Dignitary Protection Unit, the Joint Terrorism Task Force, the Community Defense Unit, the Technical Surveillance Unit, and Research and Analysis; and

WHEREAS, Captain Holland has earned numerous accolades during his career, including the Crime Stoppers Johnny Klevenhagen Award, the Houston Police Department Manager of the Year award, and the Texas Jaycees Outstanding Young Law Officer award; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary peace officer, Captain Holland is respected and admired by his colleagues, and his presence at the Houston Police Department will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend Captain Richard Holland on his exceptional service to the people of Houston as a member of the Houston Police Department; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Whitmire

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 20, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate