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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Captain Kay Langford retired from the Henderson 2 County Sheriff's Office on June 17, 2011, drawing to a close a 3 notable career with the department that spanned more than two 4 decades; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Langford joined the sheriff's office as a 6 dispatcher in 1989, and while serving in that position, she 7 graduated from the East Texas Police Academy, earning her peace 8 officer certification; she went on to become the county's first 9 female patrol deputy in 1991; she was shot in the line of duty in 10 1994, as she responded to an incident of family violence, and later 11 earned a Purple Heart medal; and

WHEREAS, From 1998 to 2002, this outstanding law enforcement professional served as the first female criminal investigator for Henderson County; she was promoted to lieutenant of the criminal law enforcement division in 2002, and the following year, she was placed in command of the drug enforcement unit; she was named captain in 2009, and she has since overseen narcotics, patrol, and dispatch, in addition to the criminal law enforcement division; and

WHEREAS, Captain Langford holds a master peace officer certificate from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education, and throughout her exemplary 22-year tenure with the Henderson County Sheriff's Office, she won the respect and admiration of her colleagues; and

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WHEREAS, Captain Langford's dedication, professionalism, and

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1 commitment to safeguarding the public have greatly benefited the 2 citizens of Henderson County, and she may indeed reflect with pride 3 on her accomplishments as she embarks on the next exciting chapter 4 of her life; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas 6 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Captain Kay 7 Langford on her retirement from the Henderson County Sheriff's 8 Office and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued 9 happiness; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 151 was adopted by the House on June 28, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House