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H.C.R. No. 135

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Bill Bailey is retiring as constable for Precinct 8
2 of Harris County on May 31, 2011, drawing to a close a notable
3 career in law enforcement that has spanned more than a
4 quarter-century; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Houston, Mr. Bailey was first elected to
6 his post in 1982; since taking office the following year, he has
7 helped to modernize the department throughout a period of
8 tremendous growth, and during that time, he has earned the respect
9 and admiration of his fellow citizens for his outstanding public
10 service; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Bailey is also admired by his peers in county
12 government; he has long been active in the Texas Association of
13 Counties, and in 2002 he became the first constable to serve as the
14 organization's president; and

15 WHEREAS, Before he began his tenure as constable, Mr. Bailey
16 worked in broadcasting for more than two decades; as a high school
17 student, he joined KTEM in Temple as an early morning deejay, and
18 following graduation, he worked at stations in Des Moines, Iowa,
19 and Peoria, Illinois; he later returned to the Lone Star State,
20 where he was hired by KIKK in Houston; in addition to earning a wide
21 following, he was awarded many honors, including the title of
22 Number One Country Music Broadcaster in a Major Market by *Billboard*
23 magazine; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Bailey has pursued another interest with equal

1 passion; his love of horses and the outdoors, coupled with his
2 experience in radio, has made him a natural fit as a rodeo
3 announcer; from the early 1970s until the mid 1980s, he was a
4 commentator at the annual Texas Prison Rodeo, and his impressive
5 work in that role led to a part in the movie *Stir Crazy*; moreover, he
6 has been a dedicated volunteer with the Houston Livestock Show and
7 Rodeo since 1992; and

8 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Bill Bailey enjoys the love
9 and support of his wife, Janis, as well as the couple's two
10 daughters; and

11 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan's devotion to duty and
12 commitment to excellence have greatly contributed to the betterment
13 of Precinct 8 for nearly three decades, and Mr. Bailey may indeed
14 reflect with pride on a career well spent as he embarks on the next
15 exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas
17 hereby congratulate Bill Bailey on his retirement from Harris
18 County and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
19 happiness; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Mr. Bailey as an expression of high regard by the Texas
22 House of Representatives and Senate.