

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The office of justice of the peace, originally  
2 created in 1362 by King Edward of England, and the office of  
3 constable, created in 1215 by King John of England, were two of the  
4 first offices established in the American colonies in 1620; and

5           WHEREAS, Both offices were created by the Texas Constitution  
6 and play a vital role in the delivery of county government services;  
7 and

8           WHEREAS, Justices of the peace are an integral part of the  
9 Texas judiciary; they exercise jurisdiction in criminal  
10 misdemeanor cases punishable by fine or sanctions and exercise  
11 civil jurisdiction in matters in controversy under \$10,000; first  
12 established as "grass roots" courts in 1836, when Texas became a  
13 republic, they preside over those courts closest to the people; and

14           WHEREAS, Constables serve as officers of the court as  
15 bailiffs, execute civil and criminal process issued by Texas  
16 courts, and enforce criminal laws as certified peace officers; they  
17 were first documented in Texas by Stephen F. Austin in 1823, when  
18 Texas was still under Mexican rule; and

19           WHEREAS, Established in 1945, the Justices of the Peace and  
20 Constables Association of Texas represents the interests of Texas  
21 justices of the peace and constables, as well as their clerks and  
22 deputies; and

23           WHEREAS, The men and women who accept the responsibilities of  
24 the offices of justice of the peace and constable contribute

1 immeasurably to the justice system, the safety of Texans, and the  
2 peace and order of our society, and the dedication of a special day  
3 at the Capitol to focus attention on these public officials  
4 heightens awareness of the important contributions they make  
5 benefiting citizens across the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be  
6 it

7         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
8 Legislature hereby recognize February 22, 2011, as Justices of the  
9 Peace and Constables Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

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

Lucio III  
Hunter

Straus	Gonzales of Williamson	Morrison
Aliseda	Gonzalez	Munoz, Jr.
Allen	Gooden	Murphy
Alonzo	Guillen	Naishtat
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Nash
Anchia	Hamilton	Oliveira
Anderson of Dallas	Hancock	Orr
Anderson of McLennan	Hardcastle	Otto
Aycock	Harless	Parker
Beck	Harper-Brown	Patrick
Berman	Hartnett	Paxton
Bohac	Hernandez Luna	Pena
Bonnen	Hilderbran	Perry
Branch	Hochberg	Phillips
Brown	Hopson	Pickett
Burkett	Howard of Fort Bend	Pitts
Burnam	Howard of Travis	Price
Button	Huberty	Quintanilla
Cain	Hughes	Raymond
Callegari	Hunter	Reynolds
Carter	Isaac	Riddle
Castro	Jackson	Ritter
Chisum	Johnson	Rodriguez
Christian	Keffer	Schwertner
Coleman	King of Parker	Scott
Cook	King of Taylor	Sheets
Craddick	King of Zavala	Sheffield
Creighton	Kleinschmidt	Shelton
Crownover	Kolkhorst	Simpson
Darby	Kuempel	Smith of Harris
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Deshotel	Lavender	Strama
Driver	Legler	Taylor of Collin
Dukes	Lewis	Taylor of Galveston
Dutton	Lozano	Thompson
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Eissler	Lyne	Truitt
Elkins	Madden	Turner
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Farrar	Margo	Villarreal
Fletcher	Marquez	Vo
Flynn	Martinez	Walle
Frullo	Martinez Fischer	Weber
Gallego	McClendon	White
Garza	Menendez	Woolley
Geren	Miles	Workman
Giddings	Miller of Comal	Zedler
Gonzales of Hidalgo	Miller of Erath	Zerwas

H.R. No. 515

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 515 was adopted by the House on February 22, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House