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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The year 2011 marks the 100th anniversary of the Del
2 Rio Police Department; and

3 WHEREAS, Del Rio's first law enforcement officer, a city
4 marshal, was hired on December 20, 1911, and in 1913, Del Rio
5 officially established a public safety department; over the next
6 two decades, a combination of city marshals, police officers, and
7 deputy marshals were hired to provide protection to area residents;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Following a reorganization of the city
10 administration in 1938, a new police department was established,
11 and R. C. "Red" Hawkins subsequently served as its chief during the
12 1940s; through the years, the department has been housed in several
13 locations, including the LULAC building and a station on Broadway
14 Street downtown; in May 2010, DRPD celebrated the opening of its new
15 headquarters on Lowe Drive near the city's civic center; and

16 WHEREAS, Today, under the leadership of Chief of Police
17 Arnaldo Ramos, the Del Rio Police Department continues to play a
18 vital role in the life of the community as its officers and support
19 staff carry a century-long tradition of public service into a new
20 era of law enforcement; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
22 Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Del Rio
23 Police Department and extend to the department's personnel sincere
24 best wishes for continued success in their important work; and, be

1 it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for the department as an expression of high regard by the
4 Texas House of Representatives.