

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 626**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Texas Ranger Chief Antonio Leal on the occasion of his retirement from the Texas Department of Public Safety on March 31, 2011, after 27 years of loyal service; and

**WHEREAS**, Antonio "Tony" Leal joined the Texas Department of Public Safety in 1984; as a highway patrol trooper stationed in Fort Bend County, he led his area in criminal apprehensions; he was honored with the Houston Area 100 Club Officer of the Year award and received many letters and other commendations for his exemplary service; he became a sergeant in 1991 and served in San Antonio; and

**WHEREAS**, He was promoted to Texas Ranger in 1994 with Company A in Houston and later served with Company D in San Antonio; he was named to the newly formed Unsolved Crimes Investigation Unit in 2000 and successfully solved the unit's first cold murder case; he was promoted to lieutenant and then to commander of the Rangers' Cold Case Squad; he was promoted to company commander in Houston in 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Leal was promoted to the highest rank of the Texas Rangers in 2008; he was the first Hispanic officer to become chief of the Texas Rangers and the youngest person to hold the job at the time; during his watch, he oversaw the state's most complex and major investigations, border security operations, public corruption cases, and special tactical resources; he created the department's first full-time Special Weapons and Tactics team; and

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**WHEREAS**, Throughout his tenure with the Texas Department of Public Safety, Chief Leal exhibited outstanding leadership and professionalism; his steadfast efforts on behalf of the public and the state have earned him the lasting respect and admiration of all who have had the privilege of knowing him and working with him; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend Texas Ranger Chief Antonio Leal for his many years of dedicated service to the citizens of Texas and extend to him best wishes in all his future endeavors; 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.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 20, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate