

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 19

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Arlington Chief of Police Will Johnson, who is the recipient of the 2013 Gary P. Hayes Memorial Award; and

**WHEREAS**, This award is given each year by the Police Executive Research Forum in Washington, D.C., and honors an up-and-coming law enforcement officer of outstanding character who has exhibited a strong record of leadership and commitment to better policing in his or her community; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Johnson epitomizes these principles; he has led the department as its interim chief of police, and now as its formal chief, since April of 2012; in that time, he has shown exceptional communication skills and a results-oriented approach, and he has earned the deep respect of his officers and his peers; and

**WHEREAS**, Among his accomplishments are an 11-percent reduction in crime in 2012; he has also increased case clearance rates, reduced gang shootings, implemented effective problem-solving initiatives, and increased gang arrests; and

**WHEREAS**, This 16-year veteran of the Arlington Police Department has taken a proactive approach to policing; he has introduced new programs to acknowledge employee excellence, and in a short period of time, he has proved to be a most skilled and effective chief of police; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Arlington Chief of Police Will Johnson on receiving the 2013 Gary P. Hayes Memorial Award and extend to him sincere best wishes for further success in all his future endeavors; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of Chief Johnson as an expression of highest esteem 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 June 6, 2013.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate