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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Colton Thomas was born in Dublin, TX to Wayne and
2 Alice Anne Thomas; He grew up in Pleasanton, TX and graduated from
3 Pleasanton High School; He then went to Tarleton State University
4 his freshman year but then transferred to the University of Texas at
5 San Antonio where he graduated with a degree in criminal justice;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, While attending UTSA he worked for Coca Cola
8 Enterprises as a merchandiser in Pleasanton and San Antonio for
9 three years to work his way through college; After graduation he
10 decided to work for his father, the operator of a peanut procurement
11 plant and the owner of Four T Services in Pleasanton, for a year
12 until he was accepted to the Game Warden Academy; and

13 WHEREAS, Since 1895, Texas Game Wardens have built a
14 reputation as "can-do" peace officers with a heritage second only
15 to the legendary Texas Rangers; That proud tradition of service,
16 more than a century old, is carried on today by more than 500 men and
17 women who continue the work of this storied profession; and

18 WHEREAS, Cadet Thomas has been tested on a vast array of
19 subjects, including game and fish laws, criminal law, citation,
20 court procedures, defensive tactics, arrest procedures, firearms
21 training, hunter safety programs, environmental pollution,
22 saltwater and freshwater fishing operation, boating safety, and
23 rescue training; and

24 WHEREAS Cadet Colton Thomas and the 58th Texas Game Warden

1 Cadet Class will complete their training and be commissioned as
2 Texas Game Wardens on August 6, 2013; and

3 WHEREAS, After graduation from the Game Warden Training
4 Academy and receiving a commission as a peace officer, Colton will
5 be stationed in Marfa, TX and will perform responsible field
6 enforcement duties involving the enforcement of all provisions of
7 the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, Texas Penal Code, and relevant
8 provisions of other Texas laws; execute and serve all criminal
9 processes resulting from enforcement activities; provide public
10 safety and emergency functions; safeguard departmental equipment;
11 prepare reports of activities and present programs concerning
12 departmental activities to the public; conduct investigations of
13 holders of permits and licenses issued by the department; maintain
14 contact with holders of permits and licenses issued by the
15 department; maintain contact with landowners, resource users, and
16 the general public; and

17 WHEREAS, Cadet Thomas has completed a grueling and demanding
18 training program and will greatly contribute to the safety of Texas
19 residents and the preservation of the Lone Star State's natural
20 resources, and Texas is indeed fortunate to have to this dedicated
21 individual; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
23 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Colton Thomas
24 on his completion of the Texas Game Warden Academy and extend to him
25 sincere best wishes for continued success in his law enforcement
26 career.