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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texas is a large state with some of the best hunting
2 and fishing opportunities in the nation; fishing, hunting,
3 trapping, and trading of wildlife have been important activities
4 since the first inhabitants settled in Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, The state's first law protecting fish was enacted in
6 1874, and in 1879 the first commission with the mission of
7 regulating and enforcing laws pertaining to the natural resources
8 was established; and

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

14 WHEREAS, The first Game Warden Academy class in Austin was
15 held in 1978; cadets currently in the Academy cover a vast array of
16 subjects, including game and fish laws, criminal law, citation,
17 court procedures, defensive tactics, arrest procedures, firearms
18 training, hunter safety programs, environmental pollution,
19 saltwater and freshwater fishing operation, boating safety, and
20 rescue training; and

21 WHEREAS the 58th Texas Game Warden Cadet Class will complete
22 its training and be commissioned as Texas Game Wardens on August 6,
23 2013; and

24 WHEREAS, this class consists of Mark Anderson (Tyler TX),

1 Samuel Anderson (Nacogdoches TX), Michael Blevins (Hempstead TX),
2 Joshua Bonney (Commerce TX), Roel Cantu Jr (Edinburg TX), Antonio
3 Chavez (Mexico), Jayme DeSchaaf (Liberty Hill TX), Travis Fountain
4 (Nacogdoches TX), Mark Frayser (Cibolo TX), Jason Garcia (Schertz
5 TX), Tommy Johnson (Wharton TX), Hsin-Wei Lin (College TX), Derrick
6 Lopez (Round Rock TX), Grant Moore (Jacksboro TX), John Newman
7 (Stephenville TX), Jake Noxon (Austin TX), Jack Pearl (Athens GA),
8 Howard Pierce (Rockport TX), Travis Porter (Bridgeport TX),
9 Jennifer Provaznik (Gautier MS), Arturo Salinas (Uvalde TX), Coby
10 Sanders (Amarillo TX), Jeremy Schwalk (Lubbock TX), Brendan Shoars
11 (Abilene TX), Justin Solis (Rockport TX), David Stokes (Nashville
12 TN), Zachary Temple (Lufkin TX), Thomas Colton (Pleasanton TX), and
13 Emily Zaunbrecher (Houston TX); and

14 WHEREAS, After graduation from the Game Warden Training
15 Academy and receiving a commission as a peace officer, these
16 individuals will perform responsible field enforcement duties
17 involving the enforcement of all provisions of the Texas Parks and
18 Wildlife Code, Texas Penal Code, and relevant provisions of other
19 Texas laws; execute and serve all criminal processes resulting from
20 enforcement activities; provide public safety and emergency
21 functions; safeguard departmental equipment; prepare reports of
22 activities and present programs concerning departmental activities
23 to the public; conduct investigations of holders of permits and
24 licenses issued by the department; maintain contact with holders of
25 permits and licenses issued by the department; maintain contact
26 with landowners, resource users, and the general public; and

27 WHEREAS, The cadets who have been selected to hold this

1 invaluable post have all completed a grueling and demanding
2 training program and will greatly contribute to the safety of Texas
3 residents and the preservation of the Lone Star State's natural
4 resources, and Texas is indeed fortunate to have to these dedicated
5 individuals; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
7 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate the 58th Texas
8 Game Warden Cadet Class and extend to them sincere best wishes for
9 continued success in their law enforcement careers.