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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Robert R. Almonte was sworn in as the United States  
2 marshal for the Western District of Texas on June 2, 2010; and

3           WHEREAS, Nominated by the president, U.S. marshals serve in  
4 the enforcement arm of the federal courts; they oversee the  
5 protection of the federal judiciary, the management and selling of  
6 seized assets, the transporting of federal prisoners, the operation  
7 of the Witness Security Program, and the apprehending of federal  
8 fugitives; as marshal for the Western District of Texas, Robert  
9 Almonte directs the activities of the U.S. Marshals Service in an  
10 area extending from El Paso to San Antonio; and

11           WHEREAS, A lifelong El Pasoan, Marshal Almonte graduated  
12 summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice  
13 administration from Park University; he is a 25-year veteran of the  
14 El Paso Police Department, where he spent the majority of his career  
15 in narcotics investigations and rose to the office of deputy chief;  
16 and

17           WHEREAS, While serving as commander of the EPPD narcotics  
18 section, Marshal Almonte launched such innovative programs as the  
19 Hotel/Motel Narcotics Interdiction Unit and the West Texas High  
20 Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Stash House Task Force, which in  
21 2000 earned the Outstanding HIDTA Interdiction Unit award from the  
22 White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP); and

23           WHEREAS, Marshal Almonte retired from the EPPD in 2003 and  
24 subsequently traveled extensively, training law enforcement

1 personnel in narcotics investigations; he has served as vice  
2 president of the National Narcotic Officers' Associations'  
3 Coalition, and he was elected to three terms as president of the  
4 Texas Narcotic Officers Association before being named executive  
5 director of the organization; one of the foremost authorities in  
6 his field, he has also published two books, *Evolution of Narcotic*  
7 *Investigations* and *Covert Operations Management*; and

8 WHEREAS, In recognition of his outstanding achievements,  
9 Marshal Almonte was named the EPPD Officer of the Year in 1984 and  
10 designated Outstanding HIDTA Task Force Commander by the ONDCP in  
11 1999; he has also been lauded for his work by the U.S. Congress; and

12 WHEREAS, Americans across the country are indebted to U.S.  
13 marshals for the vital role they play in maintaining a peaceful and  
14 orderly society, and the appointment of Robert Almonte to this  
15 office is a fitting testament to the special care and dedication he  
16 has demonstrated in the protection of his fellow citizens; now,  
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
19 Legislature hereby congratulate Robert R. Almonte on being named  
20 the United States marshal for the Western District of Texas and  
21 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it  
22 further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
24 prepared for Marshal Almonte as an expression of high regard by the  
25 Texas House of Representatives.