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H.R. No. 458

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Members of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas, one  
2 of the nation's oldest law enforcement organizations, are gathering  
3 in Austin on February 19, 2013, to participate in Sheriffs'  
4 Association of Texas Day at the Capitol; and

5           WHEREAS, The Texas Constitution created the office of sheriff  
6 in each county of the state; legislation requires that a sheriff  
7 conserve peace and enforce the criminal laws of the state;  
8 moreover, the sheriff is responsible for the county jail, bail  
9 bonds, civil process, and the security of the courts, and in some  
10 smaller counties, the sheriff may also act as the tax collector; and

11           WHEREAS, The first meeting of the Sheriffs' Association of  
12 Texas took place on August 14, 1874; association members adopted  
13 their preamble calling for sheriffs to assist one another in the  
14 execution of laws, in the discharge of their duties against  
15 criminals, and in the protection of the citizens in their  
16 respective counties and throughout the state; the group has  
17 continued to follow the dictates of this mission to this day; and

18           WHEREAS, The office of sheriff is one of the oldest forms of  
19 law enforcement; sheriffs in our state's 254 counties are elected  
20 to four-year terms, and each sheriff is a member of the Sheriffs'  
21 Association of Texas; in addition, more than 2,700 individuals are  
22 active members of the group, and over 40,000 individuals are  
23 associate members; now, therefore, be it

24           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas

1 Legislature hereby recognize February 19, 2013, as Sheriffs'  
2 Association of Texas Day at the Capitol and commend the members of  
3 the Sheriffs' Association of Texas for their many contributions to  
4 our state; and, be it further

5       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
6 prepared for the association as an expression of high regard by the  
7 Texas House of Representatives.