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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Captain Earl Ross Pence retired from the Giddings
2 Police Department on February 28, 2013, drawing to a close a notable
3 tenure in law enforcement that spanned nearly three decades; and

4 WHEREAS, A graduate of Bastrop High School, Earl Pence went
5 on to attend the Texas A&M University Engineering Extension Service
6 Fire School and completed his basic peace officer training at
7 Southwest Texas State University; he began his career in 1985 as a
8 deputy with the Bastrop County Sheriff's Office; he later
9 transferred to the Austin Regional Anti-Drug Abuse Task Force to
10 work as an undercover officer but returned to the Bastrop sheriff's
11 office in 1991; rising to the rank of patrol sergeant, he was named
12 Deputy of the Year on three separate occasions, and he received a
13 lifesaving award for his heroic actions in saving a boy from
14 drowning in Lake Bastrop; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2001, Mr. Pence joined the police force in
16 Giddings; promoted to corporal detective shortly thereafter, he
17 continued to earn advancement and in 2007 became captain; in
18 addition to his work as a criminal investigator, he undertook a
19 range of assignments that included maintaining liaisons with
20 governmental organizations and with neighborhood leaders to
21 strengthen community policing programs; his outstanding
22 performance was recognized with a Distinguished Service
23 Commendation in 2009; and

24 WHEREAS, A resident of Smithville, Captain Pence has been an

1 active member of numerous public service and fraternal
2 organizations; in all his endeavors, he has enjoyed the love and
3 support of his wife, Kimberly, his son, Kyle, his daughter,
4 Jennifer and her husband, Jose Mauricio, and his grandson, Jose
5 Alejandro; during his retirement, he is looking forward to camping
6 trips with his family; and

7 WHEREAS, Earl Pence's commitment to the safety and well-being
8 of his fellow citizens have greatly benefited the residents of
9 Bastrop and Lee Counties, and he may indeed reflect with pride on
10 his many achievements as he embarks on the next exciting chapter of
11 his life; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate Captain Earl Ross Pence on his
14 retirement from the Giddings Police Department and extend to him
15 sincere best wishes for future happiness; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Captain Pence as an expression of high regard by the
18 Texas House of Representatives.