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H.R. No. 1605

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Senior Corporal Thomas B. Popken is concluding
2 nearly three and a half decades of service to the Dallas Police
3 Department when he retires on August 20, 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, Thomas Popken
5 joined the Dallas Police Department in 1979; during his time on the
6 force, he has worked at the recruit academy, taught defensive
7 tactics, and been a background investigator in the personnel
8 division, among his other duties; and

9 WHEREAS, In addition to serving the public, Senior Corporal
10 Popken has benefited his professional colleagues through his
11 service as a director and as vice president of the Dallas Police
12 Association, and in 1999 he helped to establish the Assist the
13 Officer Foundation, which provides financial assistance to
14 officers who suffer a serious injury, life-threatening illness, or
15 other catastrophic event and to families of deceased officers; he
16 also led the foundation as chair from 2003 to 2009, and he was
17 instrumental in the creation of both a confidential counseling
18 program and the creation of the Kevin James Endowment Fund; and

19 WHEREAS, This accomplished public servant has further
20 contributed his expertise to a number of Dallas Police Department
21 events, including the Crimes Against Children conference and
22 several fund-raisers, and he has shared his time and talents with
23 Big Brothers Big Sisters and Wish Upon a Star; for his exemplary
24 service, he was named the Dallas Police Association "Cop's Cop" in

1 2010; and

2 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, he enjoys the love and
3 support of his wife, Mindy Popken; and

4 WHEREAS, Dedicated to the field of public safety and to
5 helping his fellow law enforcement officers, Thomas Popken has made
6 a positive difference in the lives of many Texans over the course of
7 his tenure with the Dallas Police Department, and he may indeed
8 reflect with pride on his accomplishments as he looks with
9 anticipation toward the next exciting chapter of his life; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Senior Corporal Thomas Popken on
13 his outstanding career with the Dallas Police Department and extend
14 to him sincere best wishes for a very happy and rewarding
15 retirement; and, be it further

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