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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 recognize the Texas Department of Public Safety for its longtime
3 commitment to protecting and serving the citizens of Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, A bastion of law and order for nearly two centuries,
5 the agency has a storied history hailing back to its inception as
6 the Texas Rangers in 1823; the Texas Rangers and the Texas Highway
7 Patrol were combined in 1935 in what would thereafter be known as
8 the Department of Public Safety; and

9 WHEREAS, Over the years, the department's responsibilities
10 have evolved, and today it consists of multiple divisions and units
11 that work together to achieve the department's four primary goals:
12 to combat crime and terrorism, to strengthen statewide emergency
13 management, to enhance highway and public safety, and to provide
14 licensing and regulatory services; and

15 WHEREAS, The Department of Public Safety employs more than
16 3,800 commissioned officers and over 5,000 other dedicated staff
17 members; its divisions include Criminal Investigations, Law
18 Enforcement Support, Aircraft Operations, Homeland Security,
19 Emergency Management, Intelligence and Counterterrorism, Driver
20 License, Regulatory Services, the Texas Highway Patrol, and the
21 Texas Rangers; and

22 WHEREAS, Each year, the department's officers and other
23 agents seize tons of illegal drugs and millions of dollars in
24 drug-trade proceeds, guard against and respond to a variety of

1 threats and disasters, and provide a myriad of licensing and
2 regulatory services; the Texas Rangers, originally created to help
3 protect frontier settlers, now serve as an elite force and assist in
4 a variety of federal, state, and local investigations; and

5 WHEREAS, Over the last 190 years, the Department of Public
6 Safety and its expert forces have worked tirelessly to maintain
7 law, order, and civility in our state, and these professionals are
8 indeed deserving of recognition; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
10 Legislature hereby commend the Texas Department of Public Safety on
11 its long history of excellence and dedication in law enforcement
12 and extend to its employees sincere best wishes for continued
13 success; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for the agency as an expression of high regard by the Texas
16 House of Representatives.