

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 283

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Mary Lynn Morris, who is retiring from her position as city marshal of Dallas after 27 years of loyal service in the field of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Highly respected by her colleagues, Mary Morris is well known for her dedication to her profession and for her superior courage and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Mary entered the field of law enforcement when she attended the Regional Police Academy in 1986; she went on to become the first African American female to be hired in the Dallas Marshal's Office; she served as deputy marshal, became a sergeant in 1991, and was promoted to chief deputy marshal in 1999; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, she was named assistant director for the Department of Code Compliance, and she became city marshal of Dallas in February of 2008; and

WHEREAS, A trailblazer, Mary was the first female and first African American city marshal in Dallas history; she has been noted for her skill and expertise in managing the multiple responsibilities of her office, and she is admired by citizens throughout the community for her high standards and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure in law enforcement, Mary has earned a reputation for being both firm and fair; Mary will be greatly missed by the law enforcement community and by all who work in the Dallas Marshal's Office; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend Mary Lynn Morris on her exceptional career in law enforcement and on her many contributions to the citizens of Dallas as the city marshal and extend to her best wishes for the retirement years ahead; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on February 25, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate