## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 421

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Captain Earl Ross Pence, who retired February 28, 2013, from the Giddings Police Department after more than a decade of outstanding service; and

WHEREAS, Captain Pence began his career in law enforcement as a deputy in the Bastrop County Sheriff's Office in 1985; several years later, he served a stint as an undercover officer with the Austin Regional Anti-Drug Abuse Task Force and rejoined the Bastrop County Sheriff's Office in 1991; and

WHEREAS, He joined the Giddings Police Department in 2001 and rose through the ranks to become captain in 2007; throughout his lengthy service, he played an invaluable role in establishing and maintaining connections between the community and the police department; and

WHEREAS, A man of courage and tenacity, Captain Pence was dedicated to making Giddings a safer place in which to live, work, and raise a family, and he consistently showed solid judgment in dealing with the unique challenges of law enforcement duty; over the course of his career, he was the recipient of numerous awards and honors; and

WHEREAS, A well-known public servant, he is respected and admired by his colleagues in the field of law enforcement and by area citizens, and his presence at the Giddings Police Department will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend Captain Earl Ross Pence on his exceptional career as a law enforcement officer and on his many contributions to the Giddings Police Department and extend to him best wishes for continued success in all his endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him 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 March 11, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate