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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Every day, peace officers devote themselves to the
2 security and well-being of the people they serve, and Operation
3 Blue Shield is committed to supporting them in their vital mission;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Operation Blue Shield is a community-centric
6 initiative designed to promote better understanding and improved
7 relations between citizens and law enforcement; the campaign
8 encourages open and constructive dialogue between police and the
9 wider community and recognizes the importance of acknowledging
10 diverse backgrounds and perspectives; toward that end, it raises
11 funds to underwrite public safety endeavors and to help meet the
12 evolving resource needs of peace officers; and

13 WHEREAS, This innovative program was founded by
14 philanthropist Toni Brinker Pickens and benefits from the
15 involvement of the Dallas-based organization Economic Partners
16 Investing in Communities; like other EPIC projects, Operation Blue
17 Shield is backed by a broad range of city leaders, civic and
18 charitable organizations, and concerned residents; these
19 participants are focusing attention on the message that "We're All
20 In This Together" and are urging Texans to "Go All In" to help forge
21 stronger ties between police and the public; and

22 WHEREAS, Safe neighborhoods are the foundation of a stable
23 and prosperous society, and Operation Blue Shield represents a
24 promising new effort to build greater trust between citizens and

1 the peace officers who protect them; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
3 hereby recognize the Operation Blue Shield initiative and encourage
4 Texans throughout the state to support this worthwhile program;
5 and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Operation Blue Shield as an expression of high regard
8 by the Texas Legislature.