

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Many dedicated officers of the Texas Parks and  
2 Wildlife Department are visiting Austin on February 12, 2015, to  
3 celebrate Texas Game Warden Day at the State Capitol and to  
4 commemorate 120 years of service to the Lone Star State; and

5           WHEREAS, Since 1895, when the office of Fish and Oyster  
6 Commissioner was created by the 24th Texas Legislature, game  
7 wardens have played an essential role in wildlife conservation; the  
8 Fish and Oyster Commission was given jurisdiction in 1899 over all  
9 public waters, including freshwater streams, lakes, and ponds, and  
10 its purview was soon extended to shrimping and hunting; and

11           WHEREAS, The name of the agency later became the Game, Fish,  
12 and Oyster Commission, and it changed again several times to  
13 reflect the expansion of its mission until, in 1963, it merged with  
14 the State Parks Board to form the current agency; in 1919, there  
15 were just six wardens, but their numbers grew as their duties  
16 continued to evolve, encompassing such tasks as the promotion of  
17 recreational water safety and the apprehension of criminals  
18 involved in a range of illegal activities in addition to wildlife  
19 law violations; and

20           WHEREAS, In 1971, the legislature formally recognized as  
21 peace officers all law enforcement officers within the Texas Parks  
22 and Wildlife Department; the state is served today by some 530 game  
23 wardens, whose responsibilities have grown to include  
24 participation in homeland security initiatives on the state's

1 border with Mexico; and

2 WHEREAS, For well over a century, game wardens have enforced  
3 natural resource conservation laws in the Lone Star State, and  
4 their vital contributions have earned the deep appreciation of all  
5 Texans; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby recognize February 12, 2015, as Texas Game  
8 Warden Day at the State Capitol and honor these outstanding  
9 professionals as they commemorate 120 years of public service.

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Straus	Guerra	Otto
Allen	Guillen	Paddie
Alonzo	Gutierrez	Parker
Alvarado	Harless	Paul
Anchia	Hernandez	Peña
Anderson of Dallas	Herrero	Phelan
Anderson of McLennan	Howard	Phillips
Ashby	Huberty	Pickett
Aycock	Hughes	Price
Bell	Hunter	Raney
Blanco	Isaac	Raymond
Bohac	Israel	Reynolds
Bonnen of Brazoria	Johnson	Riddle
Bonnen of Galveston	Kacal	Rinaldi
Burkett	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Burns	Keough	Rodriguez of Travis
Burrows	King of Hemphill	Romero, Jr.
Button	King of Parker	Rose
Canales	King of Taylor	Sanford
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Schaefer
Clardy	Klick	Schofield
Coleman	Koop	Shaheen
Collier	Krause	Sheets
Cook	Kuempel	Sheffield
Craddick	Landgraf	Simmons
Crownover	Larson	Simpson
Dale	Laubenberg	Smith
Darby	Leach	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Spitzer
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Springer
Deshotel	Lucio III	Stephenson
Dukes	Márquez	Stickland
Dutton	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
Elkins	Martinez Fischer	Thompson of Harris
Faircloth	McClendon	Tinderholt
Fallon	Menéndez	Turner of Collin
Farias	Metcalf	Turner of Harris
Farney	Meyer	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	VanDeaver
Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villalba
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White of Bell
Galindo	Muñoz, Jr.	White of Tyler
Geren	Murphy	Workman
Giddings	Murr	Wray
Goldman	Naishtat	Wu
Gonzales	Nevárez	Zedler
González	Oliveira	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 471 was adopted by the House on February 12, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House