

By: Davis of Dallas

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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Dallas Police Department and its chief, David  
2 O. Brown, have demonstrated a remarkable commitment to community  
3 engagement and outreach in recent years; and

4           WHEREAS, A Dallas native, David Brown is the 28th chief of the  
5 Dallas Police Department since its inception in 1881; over the  
6 course of his exemplary 31-year tenure as a Dallas police officer,  
7 he has risen through the ranks to command the sixth largest police  
8 force in the nation, overseeing more than 4,000 employees and an  
9 annual budget of \$426 million; for 11 consecutive years, Dallas has  
10 experienced an overall reduction in crime, and in 2014, the city  
11 boasted the lowest murder rate since the 1930s and the second lowest  
12 murder rate on record; and

13           WHEREAS, Community policing is considered to be an important  
14 strategy for reducing crime, and the Dallas PD has instituted a wide  
15 range of outreach programs; among those initiatives are the  
16 family-friendly "Chief on the Beat" events, which provide the  
17 public an opportunity to meet officers and to participate in  
18 raffles, health screenings, and other entertaining activities; the  
19 public is also invited to meet with officers at the informal "Coffee  
20 With Cops" events, which are held every quarter in each of the  
21 city's seven patrol divisions; and

22           WHEREAS, The department's youth programs have resulted in  
23 nearly 150,000 positive interactions with the city's youth; these  
24 programs include the Police Athletic League, which helps build

1 trust between police officers and young people through their joint  
2 participation in educational, athletic, and recreational  
3 activities, and the "Blue in the School" partnership between the  
4 department, the Dallas Independent School District, and Verizon; in  
5 addition, the Junior Police Academy is a daylong training session  
6 designed to help students make positive life choices, and the  
7 Police Explorer Program provides the opportunity for interested  
8 young people to learn about careers in law enforcement; and

9 WHEREAS, The Dallas PD has also been actively engaged in  
10 social media, and during the past year it has received more than  
11 50,000 "likes" on Facebook and attracted over 45,000 followers to  
12 its Twitter feed; since February 2014, the department's blog, *DPD*  
13 *Beat*, has received nearly 700,000 views with its informative posts  
14 about missing persons, cold case investigations, human interest  
15 stories, and award-winning officers; and

16 WHEREAS, These innovative and cutting-edge efforts by Chief  
17 Brown and the Dallas Police Department have helped to build  
18 stronger bonds between police officers and the public they serve,  
19 and they are indeed deserving of special recognition; now,  
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
22 Legislature hereby commend Chief David O. Brown and the Dallas  
23 Police Department for their community policing and outreach efforts  
24 and extend to all the members of the department sincere best wishes  
25 for continued success with their essential work; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
27 prepared for Chief Brown and the department as an expression of high

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1 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.