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1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Dr. G. M. Cox is retiring as the chief of police in
3 Murphy on July 1, 2015, drawing to a close an outstanding career in
4 law enforcement that has spanned more than four decades; and

5 WHEREAS, After serving as a security officer in the United
6 States Air Force from 1972 to 1978, Dr. Cox received a bachelor's
7 degree summa cum laude in law enforcement and police science from
8 Sam Houston State University in 1979; he began his civilian career
9 in 1980 as a deputy sheriff in Montgomery County, and from 1981 to
10 1989, he was the chief of police and the city administrator of Oak
11 Ridge North; during that time, he also earned a master's degree in
12 criminal justice management from the university; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Cox was the chief of police in Lamesa from 1989
14 to 1993, and then the chief of police in Corsicana from 1993 to
15 2008; he became Murphy's chief of police in 2008, and under his
16 leadership, the Murphy Police Department has attained recognized
17 status from the Texas Police Chiefs Association, and the community
18 has scored among the top 10 safest cities in Texas, according to the
19 crime reporting system of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and

20 WHEREAS, A graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
21 National Academy, Dr. Cox has served as an adjunct instructor in
22 criminal justice at several institutions of higher learning in
23 Texas, and he is also a court qualified mediator; in 2011, he earned
24 a doctorate in public and urban administration from The University

1 of Texas at Arlington, and his dissertation, "Crisis in Police
2 Recruitment: Public Service Motivation and Changes in Generational
3 Preferences," has become a resource for police departments across
4 Texas; following his retirement from the Murphy Police Department,
5 he will become an assistant professor and director of the graduate
6 program in public administration at Tarleton State University; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Cox brings dedication, professionalism, and a
8 commitment to excellence to each of his endeavors, and he may indeed
9 reflect with pride on his many achievements throughout his more
10 than 40 years in law enforcement as he takes on new challenges and
11 opportunities in academia; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
13 hereby congratulate Dr. G. M. Cox on his retirement as the Murphy
14 chief of police and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
15 success and happiness; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Dr. Cox as an expression of high regard by the Texas
18 House of Representatives and Senate.