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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

19 WHEREAS, A graduate of the FBI National Academy, Dr. Cox has
20 served as an adjunct instructor in criminal justice at several
21 institutions of higher learning in Texas, and he is also a court
22 qualified mediator; in 2011, he earned a doctorate in public and
23 urban administration from The University of Texas at Arlington, and
24 his dissertation, "Crisis in Police Recruitment: Public Service

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

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

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

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