

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 737

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Safe neighborhoods are the foundation of a stable and prosperous society, and Operation Blue Shield represents a promising new effort to build greater trust between citizens and the peace officers who protect them; now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Operation Blue Shield as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 12, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate