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H.R. No. 406

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Senior Trooper Michael A. Black is retiring from the
2 Texas Department of Public Safety on August 31, 2017, drawing to a
3 close a notable tenure with the department that has spanned nearly a
4 quarter century; and

5 WHEREAS, Michael Black previously served his nation as a
6 specialist crewman in the U.S. Navy from 1977 to 1981; he joined the
7 DPS in February 1994 as a member of the Headquarters Security
8 Service in Austin, and in 1996, he was assigned to the State Capitol
9 as a police officer; reclassified as a Highway Patrol trooper on
10 January 1, 2001, he continued to rise steadily through the ranks,
11 achieving promotion to senior trooper in August 2016; he is
12 certified as a master peace officer by the Texas Commission on Law
13 Enforcement; and

14 WHEREAS, Appreciative of Trooper Black's cordial personality
15 and "can-do" attitude, many legislators have come to rely upon him
16 for assistance over the years; he is known for his extensive
17 knowledge of the State Capitol and the Capitol Complex, and he has
18 often been given special assignments by his superiors; in addition,
19 he was a member of the Region VI DPS honor guard, and he played a
20 leading role in the establishment of the Region VII DPS honor guard,
21 where he currently serves as team leader; and

22 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Trooper Black enjoys the love
23 and support of his wife, Lufanda Faye Black; he is the proud father
24 of four children, Tremeka Devo, Shimiere Turner, Tiffany Turner,

1 and Michael A. Deshay, and a doting grandfather to Daurian Turner
2 and to Endiya and Brayden Devo; a man of strong religious faith,
3 Trooper Black is also active in his church; and

4 WHEREAS, Michael Black's expertise, professionalism, and
5 devotion to the core values of the DPS have greatly benefited the
6 citizens of Texas, and he may indeed reflect with pride on a career
7 well spent as he embarks on the next exciting chapter of his life;
8 now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
10 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Senior
11 Trooper Michael A. Black on his retirement from the Texas
12 Department of Public Safety and extend to him sincere best wishes
13 for the future; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Senior Trooper Black as an expression of high regard by
16 the Texas House of Representatives.