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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Police Chief Olga Maldonado has rendered
2 exceptional service to the Mercedes Police Department over the
3 course of her 30-year tenure with that agency; and

4 WHEREAS, Olga Maldonado began her career with the Mercedes
5 Police Department as a clerk in 1987, and within a year, she had
6 risen through the ranks to become a police officer; promoted to
7 sergeant and later to captain, she served along the way as a
8 detective in the major crimes unit and assisted with juvenile
9 cases; in 2004, she was named the city's first female chief of
10 police, and during her exemplary tenure in that role, she has helped
11 guide the Mercedes PD through a period of rapid growth; and

12 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan further serves her fellow
13 citizens as mayor of the neighboring town of La Feria, where she
14 grew up and graduated from high school, and she fosters community
15 bonds and seeks to help those who are less fortunate by spearheading
16 such annual events as back-to-school backpack giveaways, Easter egg
17 hunts, Halloween costume contests, and Christmas toy drives; and

18 WHEREAS, Olga Maldonado has demonstrated both skilled,
19 visionary leadership and an inspiring commitment to strengthening
20 the fabric of her community, and she may indeed take justifiable
21 pride in all she has accomplished in behalf of her department and
22 the people of Mercedes; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
24 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Chief Olga

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1 Maldonado for her service to the Mercedes Police Department and
2 extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success in her
3 important work; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for Chief Maldonado as an expression of high regard by the
6 Texas House of Representatives.