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H.R. No. 257

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, John Lavender retired as the Kerr County constable
2 for Precinct 1 in December 2016, drawing to a close an outstanding
3 career in law enforcement that spanned nearly three decades; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in the Texas Panhandle, Mr. Lavender moved to
5 Kerr County in 1969 to become a vocational auto mechanics teacher at
6 Tivy High School; during his 30 years as an educator, he pursued his
7 interest in law enforcement by enrolling in a summer police academy
8 at Sul Ross State University, and in 1988 he took a part-time job as
9 a patrol deputy for the Kerr County Sheriff's Office; and

10 WHEREAS, After retiring from teaching in 1999, Mr. Lavender
11 began working full-time at the sheriff's office, where he served as
12 a patrol sergeant and evidence officer; in 2005, he earned master
13 peace officer certification, and two years later, he was appointed
14 constable for Precinct 1, a position for which he successfully
15 sought election in 2008 and 2012; and

16 WHEREAS, In his retirement, Mr. Lavender plans to travel and
17 to spend more time with his wife of 43 years, Rosa, as well as with
18 their three children, six grandchildren, and seven
19 great-grandchildren; and

20 WHEREAS, John Lavender's mastery of his chosen vocation and
21 his deep dedication to public service have greatly benefited the
22 citizens of Kerr County, and he may indeed reflect with pride on a
23 career well spent as he embarks on the next exciting chapter of his
24 life; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
2 Legislature hereby congratulate John Lavender on his retirement as
3 Kerr County constable and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
4 future; and, be it further

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