By: Bonnen of Brazoria

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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The retirement of Tom Ward as constable for 2 Matagorda County Precinct 6 on December 31, 2016, provides a 3 fitting opportunity to recognize him for his 35 years of dedicated 4 public service to the area; and

5 WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Cedar Lake, Tom Ward began 6 his law enforcement career in July 1981 as a reserve deputy for the 7 Matagorda County Sheriff's Office; he was elected constable for 8 Precinct 6 in 1988, and he held that position for 28 years; and

9 WHEREAS, Passionate about giving back to his fellow citizens, 10 Mr. Ward has volunteered countless hours with the annual Sargent 11 Beach Clean-Up, the local Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Friends of 12 the Sargent Library, the Sargent Fire Department, the Economic 13 Action Committee, and the Sargent Area Chamber of Commerce, which 14 presented him with its prestigious 2016 Man of the Year Award for 15 his many contributions to the community; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Ward enjoyed the love and support of his wife, 17 Marion, for nearly four decades, before her death in 2005; with the 18 passing years, he has had the pleasure of watching his family grow 19 to include two children, Reeva and Keith, and eight grandchildren; 20 and

21 WHEREAS, Tom Ward's deep commitment to public service has 22 greatly benefited the citizens of Matagorda County, and he may 23 indeed take justifiable pride in his many achievements; now, 24 therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas 2 Legislature hereby honor Tom Ward for his service to Matagorda 3 County and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued 4 happiness and fulfillment; and, be it further

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