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H.R. No. 557

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas are  
2 gathering in Austin on February 28, 2017, to participate in  
3 Sheriffs' Association of Texas Day at the Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, The Texas Constitution created the office of sheriff  
5 in each county of the state; legislation requires that a sheriff  
6 conserve peace and enforce the criminal laws of the state;  
7 moreover, the sheriff is responsible for the county jail, bail  
8 bonds, civil process, and the security of the courts, and in some  
9 smaller counties, the sheriff may also act as the tax collector; and

10 WHEREAS, The first meeting of the Sheriffs' Association of  
11 Texas took place on August 14, 1874, making this group one of the  
12 oldest law enforcement organizations in the nation; association  
13 members adopted their preamble calling for sheriffs to assist one  
14 another in the execution of laws, in the discharge of their duties  
15 against criminals, and in the protection of the citizens in their  
16 respective counties and throughout the state; the group has  
17 continued to follow the dictates of this mission to this day; and

18 WHEREAS, Sheriffs in our state's 254 counties are elected to  
19 four-year terms; each sheriff is a member of the Sheriffs'  
20 Association of Texas, and thousands of other Texans are active and  
21 associate members of the group; and

22 WHEREAS, The men and women of the Sheriffs' Association of  
23 Texas are helping to make the Lone Star State an even safer place,  
24 and their work benefits countless people each day; now, therefore,

1 be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
3 Legislature hereby recognize February 28, 2017, as Sheriffs'  
4 Association of Texas Day at the Capitol and commend the members of  
5 the Sheriffs' Association of Texas for their many contributions to  
6 their communities; and, be it further

7           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
8 prepared for the association as an expression of high regard by the  
9 Texas House of Representatives.