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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Sheriff Dennis D. Wilson of Limestone County was
2 installed as president of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas in
3 July 2016, and this is a fitting opportunity to celebrate his
4 four-decade career in law enforcement; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Limestone County, Sheriff Wilson
6 graduated from Groesbeck High School in 1973, attended Cisco Junior
7 College and Navarro Junior College, and graduated from the Heart of
8 Texas Council of Governments Police Academy in 1976; and

9 WHEREAS, This veteran peace officer began his career with the
10 Limestone County Sheriff's Department in 1975 as a deputy sheriff;
11 over the years, he rose steadily through the ranks, eventually
12 becoming a captain in the Criminal Investigations Division; from
13 November 1999 to December 2000, he was an investigator for the
14 district attorney's office, and he has been sheriff of Limestone
15 County since January 1, 2001; and

16 WHEREAS, A leader in his profession, Sheriff Wilson is a life
17 member of the Texas Jail Association and the Sheriffs' Association
18 of Texas and a member of the American Jail Association, the National
19 Sheriffs' Association, and the Texas District and County Attorneys
20 Association; he is licensed as a master peace officer, and in 2005,
21 he received the Bert Ford Commendation from the Texas Alcoholic
22 Beverage Commission; in 2013 he was appointed to the Texas
23 Commission on Jail Standards by Governor Rick Perry, and in 2016 he
24 was reappointed to the commission by Governor Greg Abbott; and

1 WHEREAS, Sheriff Wilson is also a member and past president
2 of the Groesbeck Lions Club, a member and past master of Groesbeck
3 Masonic Lodge No. 354, and a member of the Centex Citizens Credit
4 Union board; and

5 WHEREAS, Sheriff Wilson's dedication to the highest
6 standards of his profession has greatly benefited the citizens of
7 Limestone County and earned the respect of law enforcement officers
8 throughout the Lone Star State, and his knowledge and experience
9 make him an ideal choice to lead the Sheriffs' Association of Texas;
10 now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Dennis Wilson on his installation
13 as president of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas and extend to him
14 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Sheriff Wilson as an expression of high regard by the
17 Texas House of Representatives.