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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Colonel Craig Hunter is retiring as director of law  
2 enforcement for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department on August  
3 31, 2017, concluding an exemplary career with the agency that has  
4 spanned 33 years; and

5           WHEREAS, Joining the department as a game warden in  
6 Montgomery County in 1984, Craig Hunter brought to his position  
7 nine years of law enforcement experience at the city and county  
8 levels; he was one of the first to use a decoy deer to catch illegal  
9 night hunters, and his initial night of operations resulted in more  
10 than 100 convictions; in 1998, he became the first Texas game warden  
11 to graduate from the FBI National Academy; while rising steadily  
12 through the TPWD ranks, he supervised the Internal Affairs Unit and  
13 the Executive Protection Team, and from 2001 until 2013, he also  
14 served on Governor Rick Perry's Special Operations Group and on the  
15 Homeland Security Council; and

16           WHEREAS, Colonel Hunter supervised Field Operations and the  
17 Special Operations Unit before being named director of law  
18 enforcement in 2012; over the course of his tenure, he has  
19 investigated or supervised hundreds of criminal investigations as  
20 well as several officer-involved shootings, and he played a key  
21 role in the management and supervision of the responses to many  
22 emergencies, among them the Jarrell tornado, the Space Shuttle  
23 Columbia disaster, and Hurricanes Rita and Ike; following Hurricane  
24 Katrina in 2005, he led a team of more than 100 game wardens to New

1 Orleans, where they conducted over 5,000 rescues; he received the  
2 Lifetime Achievement Award from the 100 Club of Texas in 2010; and

3 WHEREAS, Colonel Hunter holds a federal commission as an  
4 agent for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; he completed his  
5 master's degree in criminal justice at Texas A&M  
6 University--Central Texas, and since 2000, he has served as an  
7 adjunct professor for the U.S. Army at Fort Hood; and

8 WHEREAS, Through his outstanding leadership and steadfast  
9 commitment to excellence, Colonel Hunter has greatly benefited his  
10 fellow citizens in the Lone Star State and beyond, and he may indeed  
11 take pride in his long and impressive record of achievement; now,  
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
14 Legislature hereby congratulate Colonel Craig Hunter on his  
15 retirement as director of law enforcement for the Texas Parks and  
16 Wildlife Department and extend to him sincere best wishes for the  
17 future; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for Colonel Hunter as an expression of high regard by the  
20 Texas House of Representatives.