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H.R. No. 2250

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jody Lay is retiring as chief of the Terrell Police
2 Department on May 31, 2017, drawing to a close an outstanding tenure
3 in that position that has spanned eight years; and

4 WHEREAS, Since Jody Lay became chief in 2009, the city of
5 Terrell has seen its crime rate decrease by 45 percent; Chief Lay
6 contributed to this accomplishment by strengthening police
7 protocols and best practices, enhancing the department's
8 technology, and partnering with other agencies in Kaufman and
9 Dallas Counties as well as with the U.S. Department of Justice;
10 moreover, he played a crucial role in establishing the first
11 forensic unit in Kaufman County, and he oversaw the construction of
12 the new police headquarters; and

13 WHEREAS, In retirement, Chief Lay plans to pass on the
14 knowledge and wisdom he has acquired during his years in law
15 enforcement by teaching college-level criminal justice courses;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Chief Lay's dedication, professionalism, and
18 commitment to protecting and serving the public have greatly
19 benefited the residents of Terrell, and he may indeed reflect with
20 pride on his exceptional record of achievement as he embarks on the
21 next exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
23 Legislature hereby congratulate Jody Lay on his retirement as the
24 Terrell chief of police and extend to him sincere best wishes for

1 the future; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for Chief Lay as an expression of high regard by the Texas
4 House of Representatives.