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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, David A. Byrnes retired as sheriff of Kaufman County
- 2 on December 31, 2016, drawing to a close 16 years of distinguished
- 3 service in that office; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Byrnes began his career in law enforcement as a
- 5 patrol deputy for the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office in 1969; the
- 6 following year, he accepted a post with the Texas Department of
- 7 Public Safety, and he worked as a highway patrolman in Pecos,
- 8 Denton, and Fort Davis before joining the Texas Rangers Division in
- 9 1979; he went on to earn promotion to lieutenant and then captain,
- 10 and he ably served as the task force commander in charge of the
- 11 Branch Davidian investigation in Waco in 1993; and
- 12 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan retired from the rangers in
- 13 1996, and in 2000 he was elected as Kaufman County sheriff; in that
- 14 role, he ably executed his many duties, and his outstanding efforts
- 15 garnered him the respect and loyalty of area voters, who returned
- 16 him to office for three additional terms; and
- WHEREAS, David Byrnes exemplified the highest ideals of his
- 18 profession throughout a career that spanned nearly half a century,
- 19 and in so doing, he immeasurably contributed to the many
- 20 communities in which he served; now, therefore, be it
- 21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
- 22 Legislature hereby congratulate David A. Byrnes on his retirement
- 23 as sheriff of Kaufman County and extend to him sincere best wishes
- 24 for continued happiness and fulfillment; and, be it further

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- 1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 2 prepared for Mr. Byrnes as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 3 House of Representatives.