

By: Hefner

H.C.R. No. 63

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, John B. Cortelyou is retiring in February 2019 as  
2 the Camp County constable, drawing to a close a notable career in  
3 law enforcement that has spanned nearly half a century; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in 1943 to John and Augusta Cortelyou in  
5 Woodville, Mississippi, John Cortelyou first became a peace officer  
6 when he joined the police department of Murray, Kentucky, serving  
7 from 1962 to 1964; after working for nearly 10 years in the private  
8 sector, he returned to law enforcement as a lieutenant in the Harris  
9 County Sheriff's Department from 1973 to 1984, and from 1983 to  
10 1984, he also served as a reserve officer for the Dayton Police  
11 Department; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Cortelyou went on to become a full-time officer  
13 in Dayton, rising to the rank of sergeant and serving as assistant  
14 chief; he later worked for the Hedwig Village Police Department,  
15 and starting in 1994, he was an officer with the Spring Branch  
16 Independent School District for 12 years, retiring in 2006 as  
17 assistant chief; and

18 WHEREAS, Shortly after settling in Camp County,  
19 Mr. Cortelyou accepted the position of chief deputy in the county  
20 sheriff's office, and in 2008, he was appointed to fill a vacancy as  
21 county constable; he went on to be elected to three more terms, and  
22 during his exemplary tenure, he served as the county's emergency  
23 management coordinator and IT manager and drafted many grant  
24 applications to benefit local law enforcement agencies; and

1       WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Cortelyou has enjoyed the  
2 love and support of his wife, Linda; and

3       WHEREAS, Over the course of his exemplary 48 years in law  
4 enforcement, John Cortelyou's dedication, courage, and commitment  
5 to preserving the peace and security of the public have greatly  
6 benefited his fellow Texans, and he may indeed reflect with pride on  
7 a career well spent as he embarks on the next exciting chapter of  
8 his life; now, therefore, be it

9       RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas  
10 hereby congratulate John B. Cortelyou on his retirement as Camp  
11 County constable and extend to him sincere best wishes for  
12 continued happiness; and, be it further

13       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for Mr. Cortelyou as an expression of high regard by the  
15 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.