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H.R. No. 159

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Round Rock Police Chief Allen J. Banks has been
2 named the 2018 Citizen of the Year by the Round Rock Chamber of
3 Commerce, and the receipt of this prestigious accolade offers a
4 fitting opportunity to recognize him for his many accomplishments;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Having served as interim chief of police for the
7 Albuquerque Police Department, Chief Banks assumed command of Round
8 Rock PD in 2014; under his leadership, the department has
9 established a number of new programs and events, including the
10 Junior Police Academy, the Back to School Celebration, Blue
11 Guardian, Operation Front Porch, and Bless the Badge; moreover, the
12 agency has provided "Surviving an Active Killer" training for
13 places of worship and hung up Christmas lights for Meals on Wheels
14 recipients; and

15 WHEREAS, Chief Banks also worked with regional and federal
16 law enforcement to help track down and stop the Austin bomber in
17 2018; a 2015 graduate of Leadership Round Rock, he has participated
18 in numerous conferences and panels during his tenure, including
19 Governor Abbott's School Safety Roundtable Series and the Senate
20 Select Committee on Violence in Schools and School Security; and

21 WHEREAS, Respected and admired by his peers, Chief Banks
22 received the Civil Rights Justice by Action Award from the National
23 Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives in 2016; and

24 WHEREAS, Chief Banks has greatly benefited the residents of

1 Round Rock through his dedication, professionalism, and commitment
2 to serving and protecting the public, and he is indeed deserving of
3 this most recent honor; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Chief Allen J. Banks on his receipt
6 of the 2018 Citizen of the Year Award from the Round Rock Chamber of
7 Commerce and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
8 success with his important work; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Chief Banks as an expression of high regard by the
11 Texas House of Representatives.