

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Many dedicated officers and honorably retired  
2 officers of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are visiting  
3 Austin on February 19, 2019, to celebrate Texas Game Warden Day in  
4 conjunction with the annual Texas Game Warden and Game Warden Peace  
5 Officer Association Conference at the State Capitol; and

6           WHEREAS, Since 1895, when the office of Fish and Oyster  
7 Commissioner was created by the 24th Texas Legislature, game  
8 wardens have played an essential role in wildlife conservation; the  
9 Fish and Oyster Commission was given jurisdiction in 1899 over all  
10 public waters, including freshwater streams, lakes, and ponds, and  
11 its purview was soon extended to shrimping and hunting; and

12           WHEREAS, The name of the agency later became the Game, Fish,  
13 and Oyster Commission, and it changed again several times to  
14 reflect the expansion of its mission until, in 1963, it merged with  
15 the State Parks Board to form the current agency; in 1919, there  
16 were just six wardens, but their numbers grew as their duties  
17 continued to evolve, encompassing such tasks as the promotion of  
18 recreational water safety and the apprehension of criminals  
19 involved in a range of illegal activities in addition to wildlife  
20 law violations; and

21           WHEREAS, In 1971, the legislature formally recognized as  
22 peace officers all law enforcement officers within the Texas Parks  
23 and Wildlife Department; the state is served today by some 550 game  
24 wardens, whose responsibilities have grown to include

1 participation in homeland security initiatives on the state's  
2 border with Mexico; and

3 WHEREAS, For well over a century, game wardens have enforced  
4 natural resource conservation laws in the Lone Star State, and  
5 their vital contributions have earned the deep appreciation of all  
6 Texans; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby recognize February 19, 2019, as Texas Game  
9 Warden Day at the State Capitol and honor these outstanding  
10 professionals as they commemorate 124 years of public service.

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Bonnen of Brazoria	Guerra	Oliverson
Allen	Guillen	Ortega
Allison	Gutierrez	Pacheco
Anchia	Harless	Paddie
Anderson	Harris	Parker
Ashby	Hefner	Patterson
Bailes	Hernandez	Paul
Beckley	Herrero	Perez
Bell of Kaufman	Hinojosa	Phelan
Bell of Montgomery	Holland	Price
Bernal	Howard	Ramos
Biedermann	Huberty	Raney
Blanco	Hunter	Raymond
Bohac	Israel	Reynolds
Bonnen of Galveston	E. Johnson of Dallas	Rodriguez
Bowers	J. Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Buckley	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Bucy	Kacal	Rosenthal
Burns	King of Hemphill	Sanford
Burrows	King of Parker	Schaefer
Button	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Cain	Klick	Sheffield
Calanni	Krause	Sherman, Sr.
Canales	Kuempel	Shine
Capriglione	Lambert	Smith
Clardy	Landgraf	Smithee
Cole	Lang	Springer
Coleman	Larson	Stephenson
Collier	Leach	Stickland
Cortez	Leman	Stucky
Craddick	Longoria	Swanson
Cyrier	Lozano	Talarico
Darby	Lucio III	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Martinez Fischer	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Metcalf	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Meyer	Toth
Dominguez	Meza	Turner of Dallas
Dutton	Middleton	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miller	VanDeaver
Fierro	Minjarez	Vo
Flynn	Moody	Walle
Frank	Morrison	White
Frullo	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Geren	Murphy	Wray
Gervin-Hawkins	Murr	Wu
Goldman	Neave	Zedler
González of Dallas	Nevárez	Zerwas
González of El Paso	Noble	Zwiener
Goodwin		

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 253 was adopted by the House on February 19, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House