

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud members of the Justices of the Peace and
2 Constables Association of Texas are gathering in Austin on February
3 12, 2019, for Justices of the Peace and Constables Day at the State
4 Capitol; and

5 WHEREAS, The office of justice of the peace, first
6 established in 1362 by King Edward of England, and the office of
7 constable, first established in 1215 by King John of England, were
8 two of the first offices established in the American colonies in
9 1620; both offices were created by the Texas Constitution
10 approximately two centuries later and continue to serve a vital
11 role in the system of county government; and

12 WHEREAS, Justices of the peace are an integral part of the
13 Texas judiciary; they exercise jurisdiction in criminal
14 misdemeanor cases punishable by fine or sanctions and exercise
15 civil jurisdiction in matters in controversy up to \$10,000;
16 justices of the peace preside over those courts closest to the
17 people, first established as "grass roots" courts in 1836 when
18 Texas became a republic; and

19 WHEREAS, Constables serve as officers of the court as
20 bailiffs, execute civil and criminal process issued by Texas
21 courts, and enforce criminal laws as certified peace officers; the
22 first known constable to serve in Texas was appointed in 1823, when
23 the region was still under Mexican rule; and

24 WHEREAS, The men and women who accept the responsibilities of

1 the offices of justice of the peace and constable perform their
2 official duties with integrity, dedication, and the required
3 knowledge of the law, thereby contributing immeasurably to the
4 justice system, the safety of the citizens of Texas, and the peace
5 and order of our society; and

6 WHEREAS, For more than 75 years, the Justices of the Peace and
7 Constables Association of Texas has represented the interests of
8 justices of the peace, constables, and members of their staffs
9 across the Lone Star State, and today the organization boasts a
10 membership of over 2,000; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
12 Legislature hereby recognize February 12, 2019, as Justices of the
13 Peace and Constables Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for the association as an expression of high regard by the
16 Texas House of Representatives.

Coleman

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		

H.R. No. 256

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 256 was adopted by the House on February 12, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House