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H.R. No. 1136

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, W. R. Hierholzer has announced plans to retire as
2 sheriff of Kerr County at the end of his term in 2020, drawing to a
3 close an outstanding tenure that has spanned two decades; and

4 WHEREAS, A valued resident of Kerr County since 1975, "Rusty"
5 Hierholzer worked as a criminal investigator with the 198th
6 District Attorney's Office before joining the Kerr County Sheriff's
7 Department, where he served as a patrol deputy, jail administrator,
8 instructor, and chief criminal investigator; he became the county's
9 sheriff in April 2000 and went on to win reelection to that office
10 four times; and

11 WHEREAS, In the course of his career, Sheriff Hierholzer
12 completed management and professional training in a wide range of
13 areas, including drug enforcement, civil process, and
14 constitutional criminal procedures, and he earned master peace
15 officer and jailer certificates as well as an instructor's license;
16 a graduate of the FBI National Academy, he has also served as a
17 court expert in fingerprint comparison, bloodstain pattern
18 analysis, and crime scene reconstruction; and

19 WHEREAS, Sheriff Hierholzer has received numerous honors
20 over the years, including an Officer of the Year Award from the
21 sheriff's department and a Governor's Award for Crime Victims
22 Assistance; and

23 WHEREAS, Rusty Hierholzer's commitment to the highest
24 standards of his profession has greatly benefited the residents of

1 Kerr County, and he may indeed reflect with pride on the invaluable
2 contributions he has made during his four decades in law
3 enforcement; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate W. R. "Rusty" Hierholzer on his
6 retirement as Kerr County sheriff and commend him for his many years
7 of dedicated service to his fellow citizens; and, be it further

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