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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Larry Payne retired as chief of the Dumas Independent School District Police Department on December 18, 2020, concluding an exemplary career in law enforcement that spanned more than four and a half decades; and

WHEREAS, A former officer with the Dumas and Post Police Departments, Chief Payne served as the first and only chief of the Dumas ISD Police Department since its establishment in 1998; through his efforts and dedication, he helped develop the department, which is currently responsible for the security of over 4,600 students and staff at all of the district's campuses; moreover, he took great pride in building strong relationships with students and making a positive difference in their lives; and

WHEREAS, Retirement will afford Chief Payne the opportunity to spend more time with his family, which includes his children, Annie and Matt, and his grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Chief Larry Payne has exemplified the highest ideals of the law enforcement profession and contributed immeasurably to the safety and well-being of his fellow Texans, and he may indeed reflect with satisfaction on a career well spent; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Larry Payne on his retirement as chief of the Dumas Independent School District Police Department and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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