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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The observance of Women's History Month in March
2 2021 provides a fitting opportunity to honor the women who serve as
3 state troopers in the Texas Department of Public Safety and as
4 members of the Texas National Guard, particularly those who have
5 protected the Capitol Complex during the turbulent events of 2020
6 and 2021; and

7 WHEREAS, DPS operates a permanent command at the Texas
8 Capitol, and its law enforcement officers are tasked with
9 maintaining security at the building and in the surrounding area;
10 since the spring of 2020, the increased threat of violent unrest
11 focused on the statehouse has necessitated the assignment of
12 additional DPS officers and the deployment of Texas National Guard
13 troops to safeguard the complex; and

14 WHEREAS, In carrying out this important mission, both DPS and
15 the Texas National Guard have relied on the contributions of the
16 many women who serve as part of their uniformed personnel; arriving
17 in Austin from points throughout the state, they and their fellow
18 service members have been forced to endure extended periods away
19 from home and to work long hours in dangerous and stressful
20 conditions; and

21 WHEREAS, Women have become increasingly prominent in both
22 organizations in recent decades, taking on responsibilities
23 throughout the chain of command; this development is perhaps best
24 exemplified by Major General Tracy Norris, who commands the Texas

1 National Guard in her role as the 52nd Adjutant General for the
2 State of Texas; and

3 WHEREAS, During an unprecedented time in our state's history,
4 skilled women serving with DPS and the Texas National Guard have
5 worked tirelessly to protect the Texas Capitol and to ensure the
6 security of all who work in the Capitol Complex, and they are indeed
7 deserving of our deepest and most heartfelt appreciation; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
10 Legislature hereby commend the women of the Texas Department of
11 Public Safety and the Texas National Guard who have helped protect
12 the Texas Capitol in 2020 and 2021 and extend to them sincere best
13 wishes on the occasion of Women's History Month.