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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Lubbock Police Department is celebrating its 2 100th anniversary in 2021, and this occasion provides a fitting 3 opportunity to reflect on the department's proud history of service 4 to the community; and

5 WHEREAS, On May 7, 1921, Lubbock mayor C. E. Parks appointed 6 C. S. Middleton as the chief of police, an action that would be one 7 of the first steps toward establishing an official police 8 department for the City of Lubbock; by 1925, the department had a 9 police force of eight officers, and over the decades that followed, 10 it continued to grow to keep pace with the community; and

11 WHEREAS, Today, the Lubbock Police Department employs 12 approximately 450 sworn officers and 130 civilian staff, and its skilled personnel bring a range of expertise to its Crisis 13 14 Intervention Team, SWAT team, K-9 and Mounted Units, Homeless Outreach Team, Lake Patrol unit, and other specialized squads; the 15 department's mission is to enhance the quality of life in the city 16 by working cooperatively with the public to prevent crime, enforce 17 laws, preserve the peace, and ensure the safety of all residents; 18 and 19

20 WHEREAS, As the Lubbock Police Department celebrates 100 21 years of service throughout 2021, officers will have the option to 22 wear a special centennial badge featuring a windmill, a cotton 23 boll, and the words "Hub of the Plains" in tribute to their city's 24 unique identity; during this time, an exhibit documenting the

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1 department's history, which was curated by historian Monte Monroe 2 with the assistance of Lubbock Police Sergeant Brandon Price, will 3 also be on display in the lobby of Citizens Tower; and

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Chief Floyd Mitchell, the men and women of the Lubbock Police Department continue to carry forward the department's legacy of dedicated public service, and their contributions are indeed worthy of recognition; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas 10 Legislature hereby honor the Lubbock Police Department on its 100th 11 anniversary and extend to its officers and staff sincere best 12 wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1254 was adopted by the House on May 23, 2021, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House