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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, William Orton, former Matagorda County constable
2 for Precinct 6, is being honored as Constable of the Year by the
3 Justices of the Peace and Constables Association of Texas at its
4 annual education conference, which is taking place June 21-25,
5 2021; and

6 WHEREAS, A law enforcement veteran with more than 24 years of
7 experience, Bill Orton began his career as a reserve peace officer
8 with the Galena Park Police Department; he went on to serve with the
9 Matagorda County Sheriff's Office from 1997 until 2009, and he
10 continued his work as a deputy constable in Precinct 6 from 2008
11 until he was elected constable in 2016; at the time he assumed his
12 duties as constable, he had no deputies, but his office grew to
13 employ 10 on a part-time basis; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Orton has been hailed for his innovative
15 approach to public safety; tasked with overseeing security at the
16 Matagorda County Courthouse, he installed a state-of-the-art
17 security system, which was later expanded and implemented in other
18 offices and areas of Matagorda County; he also assisted school
19 districts and churches throughout the county in improving their
20 security measures, and he worked with his county commissioner to
21 outfit his precinct and other constables' offices in the county
22 with additional patrol vehicles and equipment; and

23 WHEREAS, Certified as a marine safety enforcement officer,
24 Mr. Orton has taught boater education for over a decade; when

1 Hurricane Harvey made landfall in the county, he corresponded with
2 State Representative Dennis Bonnen to secure needed resources for
3 his community; he has also testified in support of legislation to
4 benefit the safety of the area; he currently serves on the
5 Constable's Education Committee for the Texas Justice Court
6 Training Center; and

7 WHEREAS, Bill Orton has set a standard of leadership to which
8 others may aspire, and his contributions to the security of
9 Matagorda County have earned him the profound respect and
10 admiration of his peers; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate William Orton on being selected as
13 Constable of the Year by the Justices of the Peace and Constables
14 Association of Texas and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
15 future; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Mr. Orton as an expression of high regard by the Texas
18 House of Representatives.