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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Troy Finner was sworn in as chief of the Houston  
2 Police Department on April 5, 2021, marking a significant milestone  
3 in the impressive career of this veteran law enforcement  
4 professional; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in the city's Fifth Ward and raised in the Hiram  
6 Clarke neighborhood, Troy Finner graduated from James Madison High  
7 School in 1985; he was at the top of his class at Sam Houston State,  
8 where he received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice, and he  
9 went on to earn a master's degree in criminology from the University  
10 of Houston-Clear Lake; he is also a graduate of the Senior  
11 Management Institute for Police, the Police Executive Leadership  
12 Institute, and the FBI's National Executive Institute; and

13 WHEREAS, Chief Finner joined the Houston Police Department in  
14 1990, and over the course of his exemplary 31-year tenure with the  
15 department, he has served with the Office of Public Affairs,  
16 Southwest Division, South Gessner Division, and the Internal  
17 Investigation Command; since 2016, he has served as executive  
18 assistant chief, and in that position he oversaw the department's  
19 field and support operations, with responsibility for 15 patrol  
20 divisions, the Traffic Enforcement Division, the Emergency  
21 Communications Division, the Mental Health Division, and the Gang  
22 Division; as chief, he takes command of the police department of the  
23 fourth largest city in the United States, overseeing more than  
24 5,300 sworn officers and 1,200 civilian staffers; in all his

1 endeavors, he enjoys the love and support of his wife, Sharon; and

2 WHEREAS, Committed to community policing, Chief Finner has  
3 earned the respect and admiration of his fellow officers, and the  
4 citizens of Houston are fortunate to have the benefit of his  
5 seasoned leadership in this critical post; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby congratulate Troy Finner on his appointment as  
8 chief of the Houston Police Department and extend to him sincere  
9 best wishes for success in his important work; and, be it further

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