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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Torrey Rhone has earned great distinction by
2 becoming the first African American to serve at the rank of sergeant
3 in the history of the Mesquite Police Department; and

4 WHEREAS, Sergeant Rhone was officially promoted to his new
5 position during a ceremony on May 14, 2021; since beginning his
6 exemplary tenure with the department in September 2007, he has been
7 honored as the Mesquite Elks Lodge Police Officer of the Year, and
8 he has received many other accolades, including numerous
9 commendations, as well as two Certificate of Civic Achievement
10 awards and three awards for saving lives; and

11 WHEREAS, In addition to his work on the force, Sergeant Rhone
12 is an adjunct criminal justice professor at Texas A&M
13 University-Commerce and the University of North Texas; he holds
14 bachelor's and master's degrees in criminal justice from UNT; a man
15 of faith, he is a valued congregant of St. Luke "Community" United
16 Methodist Church; and

17 WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to serving his fellow citizens,
18 Torrey Rhone has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to public
19 safety, and he may reflect with pride on his accomplishments as he
20 takes on the challenges and opportunities of his new rank; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
23 Legislature hereby congratulate Torrey Rhone on becoming the first
24 African American to serve at the rank of sergeant as a member of the

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1 Mesquite Police Department and extend to him sincere best wishes
2 for continued success; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for Sergeant Rhone as an expression of high regard by the
5 Texas House of Representatives.