

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 466

**WHEREAS**, Kevin Lake retired as Panola County sheriff in May 2021, following an exemplary career spanning 29 years in law enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1992, Mr. Lake joined the sheriff's office as a reserve deputy; he was hired on full-time as a detention deputy three years later, and within months, he was promoted to senior detention officer; in 1997, he began patrolling as a K9 deputy, and he and his K9 partners made many drug finds and arrests; he also benefited his community as a volunteer firefighter; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Lake went on to serve as constable for Precincts 1 and 4 from 2005 until 2012, when he became chief deputy of the sheriff's office; he was appointed sheriff in 2013; although he has passed the baton to a new sheriff, he will maintain his peace officer commission and continue to serve as a reserve deputy constable; and

**WHEREAS**, Throughout his tenure with the Panola County Sheriff's Office, Kevin Lake set high standards of professionalism and demonstrated an unyielding commitment to public safety, and he has earned the lasting respect and appreciation of his fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby congratulate Kevin Lake on his retirement as Panola County sheriff and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. Lake as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 24, 2021.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate