

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 486

WHEREAS, Sarah Fields was sworn in as sheriff of Panola County on May 14, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fields began her career in law enforcement as a dispatcher for the Carthage Police Department in 1988; two years later, she joined the Panola County Sheriff's Office as a secretary, and she subsequently worked as a bailiff and as courthouse security; in 1996, she became a deputy and served as the juvenile enforcement investigator, and in 2016, she was promoted to lieutenant in the criminal investigations division; she went on to serve as captain of the department in January 2021 before being appointed as the county's second female sheriff; along the way, she has also served at the local and state levels as a member of the Child Fatality Review Team; and

WHEREAS, Sworn in by Panola County Judge LeeAnn Jones, Sheriff Fields is now set to uphold her solemn oath to serve and protect, and her efforts are sure to be of great benefit to her fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Fields exemplifies the highest ideals of the law enforcement profession, and she may take great pride in her impressive career as she looks forward to the challenges and opportunities of her new position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby congratulate Sarah Fields on her appointment as sheriff of Panola County and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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

Hughes

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 25, 2021.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate