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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The officers and staff of Region VII of the Texas  
2 Department of Public Safety have distinguished themselves in their  
3 efforts to protect and serve the legislators and state employees of  
4 the Capitol Complex in Austin; and

5 WHEREAS, Since September 1991, the men and women of  
6 Region VII have been responsible for the security of the 46  
7 square-block area around the State Capitol that encompasses many  
8 state government facilities; supervised by the regional commander,  
9 the region's staff includes commissioned and noncommissioned  
10 personnel who are divided into details that cover the complex; and

11 WHEREAS, Their responsibilities include providing police and  
12 security patrol of the Capitol grounds, traffic supervision and  
13 enforcement, parking administration, protection for visiting  
14 dignitaries, monitoring surveillance cameras, and staffing the  
15 x-ray machines and metal detectors at the Capitol's entrances; in  
16 addition, the region's skilled and dedicated personnel also  
17 investigate crimes, conduct vulnerability assessments to mitigate  
18 risk, and deal with crowd control during rallies and demonstrations  
19 on the Capitol grounds; and

20 WHEREAS, Those deserving of special recognition for their  
21 hard work and professionalism include Region Chief Gabriel Ortiz,  
22 Major Anthony Rodriguez, Major Ralph Ohland, Captain Tom Anderson,  
23 Captain Duane Hartman, Captain Chris Armstrong, Lieutenant Craig  
24 Henry, Lieutenant Christopher Hampton, and Security Operations

1 Manager Michael Telles; and

2 WHEREAS, For more than three decades, the officers of Region  
3 VII of the DPS have worked tirelessly to maintain law, order, and  
4 civility in the Capitol Complex, allowing the state's legislators  
5 and employees to safely and securely conduct the people's business;  
6 now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby commend Region VII of the Texas Department of  
9 Public Safety for its outstanding record of protecting the Capitol  
10 Complex in Austin and extend to the officers and civilian staff  
11 sincere best wishes for continued success in their important work;  
12 and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for Region VII as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
15 House of Representatives.