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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas are
2 gathering in Austin on February 26, 2019, to participate in
3 Sheriffs' Association of Texas Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, The office of sheriff is one of the oldest in the
5 history of law enforcement; the Texas Constitution created the
6 office in each county of the state, and legislation requires that a
7 sheriff conserve peace and enforce the criminal laws of the state;
8 moreover, the sheriff is responsible for the county jail, bail
9 bonds, civil process, and the security of the courts, and in some
10 smaller counties, the sheriff may also act as the tax collector; and

11 WHEREAS, The first meeting of the Sheriffs' Association of
12 Texas took place on August 14, 1874, making this group one of the
13 oldest law enforcement organizations in the nation; association
14 members adopted their preamble calling for sheriffs to assist one
15 another in the execution of laws, in the discharge of their duties
16 against criminals, and in the protection of the citizens in their
17 respective counties and throughout the state; the group has
18 continued to follow the dictates of this mission to this day; and

19 WHEREAS, Sheriffs in our state's 254 counties are elected to
20 four-year terms, and each sheriff is a member of the Sheriffs'
21 Association of Texas; in addition, more than 2,500 individuals are
22 active members of the group, and over 50,000 others are associate
23 members; and

24 WHEREAS, The men and women of the Sheriffs' Association of

1 Texas are helping to make the Lone Star State an even safer place,
2 and their work benefits countless people each day; now, therefore,
3 be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
5 Legislature hereby recognize February 26, 2019, as Sheriffs'
6 Association of Texas Day at the State Capitol and commend the
7 members of the organization for their many contributions to their
8 communities; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for the Sheriffs' Association of Texas as an expression of
11 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.