



The Senate of The State of Texas

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 762

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Texas Department of Public Safety for its longtime commitment to protecting and serving the citizens of Texas; and

WHEREAS, A bastion of law and order for nearly two centuries, the agency has a storied history hailing back to its inception as the Texas Rangers in 1823; the Texas Rangers and the Texas Highway Patrol were combined in 1935 in what would thereafter be known as the Department of Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the department's responsibilities have evolved, and today it consists of multiple divisions and units that work together to achieve the department's four primary goals: to combat crime and terrorism, to strengthen statewide emergency management, to enhance highway and public safety, and to provide licensing and regulatory services; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Public Safety employs more than 3,800 commissioned officers and over 5,000 other dedicated staff members; its divisions include Criminal Investigations, Law Enforcement Support, Aircraft Operations, Homeland Security, Emergency Management, Intelligence and Counterterrorism, Driver License, Regulatory Services, the Texas Highway Patrol, and the Texas Rangers; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the department's officers and other agents seize tons of illegal drugs and millions of dollars in drug-trade proceeds, guard against and respond to a variety of threats and disasters, and provide a myriad of licensing and regulatory services; the Texas Rangers, originally created to help

protect frontier settlers, now serve as an elite force and assist in a variety of federal, state, and local investigations; and

WHEREAS, Over the last 190 years, the Department of Public Safety and its expert forces have worked tirelessly to maintain law, order, and civility in our state, and these professionals are indeed deserving of recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend the Department of Public Safety on its long history of excellence and dedication in law enforcement and extend to its employees sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the agency as an expression of esteem 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 April 25, 2013.

Letsy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate

