

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, In May 2005, Eddie Almond is retiring as director of
2 the Regional Controlled Substance Apprehension Program Drug Task
3 Force, drawing to a close an outstanding 38-year career in law
4 enforcement; and

5 WHEREAS, After serving in the U.S. Air Force, Mr. Almond
6 joined the Lubbock Police Department in 1965, and two years later he
7 became a highway patrol officer; while assigned to the Sulphur
8 Springs area, Mr. Almond took advantage of the GI Bill to study at
9 what is now Texas A&M University--Commerce, where he earned a
10 degree in criminal justice; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1975, Mr. Almond became one of the youngest men in
12 an 84-member Texas Ranger team, launching a distinguished tenure
13 with the Texas Ranger Service that included his participation in
14 the investigation following the 1993 Branch Davidian raid near
15 Waco; he retired in 1994 to become deputy sheriff in Lamar County,
16 and the following year he was named commander of the regional drug
17 task force; and

18 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Almond enjoys the love and
19 support of his beloved wife, Linda, with whom he has shared 38 years
20 of marriage; retirement will undoubtedly afford him the opportunity
21 to spend more time with his family as well as to indulge in his
22 favorite leisure activities; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Almond has served the law enforcement profession
24 with integrity and dedication, consistently demonstrating a

1 willingness to work all hours of the day and take on arduous tasks
2 to accomplish his mission; he has earned the lasting respect of all
3 who have worked with him, and it is appropriate to take this
4 opportunity to honor him; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
6 hereby congratulate Eddie Almond on his retirement as director of
7 the Regional Controlled Substance Apprehension Program Drug Task
8 Force in Lamar County, commend him on 38 years of outstanding
9 service in law enforcement, and extend to him best wishes for
10 happiness in all his future endeavors; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Mr. Almond as an expression of high regard by the Texas
13 House of Representatives and Senate.

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David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

Jim Cooper

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 224 was adopted by the House on May 26, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 224 was adopted by the Senate on May 29, 2005, by a viva-voce vote.

Patsy Saw

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED:

18 JUNE '05

Date

Rick Perry
Governor

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