

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24

WHEREAS, Dr. G. M. Cox is retiring as the chief of police in Murphy on July 1, 2015, drawing to a close an outstanding career in law enforcement that has spanned more than four decades; and

WHEREAS, After serving as a security officer in the United States Air Force from 1972 to 1978, Dr. Cox received a bachelor's degree summa cum laude in law enforcement and police science from Sam Houston State University in 1979; he began his civilian career in 1980 as a deputy sheriff in Montgomery County, and from 1981 to 1989, he was the chief of police and the city administrator of Oak Ridge North; during that time, he also earned a master's degree in criminal justice management from the university; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cox was the chief of police in Lamesa from 1989 to 1993, and then the chief of police in Corsicana from 1993 to 2008; he became Murphy's chief of police in 2008, and under his leadership, the Murphy Police Department has attained recognized status from the Texas Police Chiefs Association, and the community has scored among the top 10 safest cities in Texas, according to the crime reporting system of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy, Dr. Cox has served as an adjunct instructor in criminal justice at several institutions of higher learning in Texas, and he is also a court qualified mediator; in 2011, he earned a doctorate in public and urban administration from The University

S.C.R. No. 49

1 of Texas at Arlington, and his dissertation, "Crisis in Police  
2 Recruitment: Public Service Motivation and Changes in Generational  
3 Preferences," has become a resource for police departments across  
4 Texas; following his retirement from the Murphy Police Department,  
5 he will become an assistant professor and director of the graduate  
6 program in public administration at Tarleton State University; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Cox brings dedication, professionalism, and a  
8 commitment to excellence to each of his endeavors, and he may indeed  
9 reflect with pride on his many achievements throughout his more  
10 than 40 years in law enforcement as he takes on new challenges and  
11 opportunities in academia; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas  
13 hereby congratulate Dr. G. M. Cox on his retirement as the Murphy  
14 chief of police and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued  
15 success and happiness; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for Dr. Cox as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
18 House of Representatives and Senate.

*Jim Pelech*  
President of the Senate

*Joe Straus*  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 49 was adopted by the Senate on May 26, 2015.

*Patsy Gaw*  
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 49 was adopted by the House on May 30, 2015.

*Robert Honey*  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

6-15-2015  
Date

*Beggs Abbott*  
Governor

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
8:00 pm O'CLOCK

JUN 18 2015  
*C. Williams*  
Secretary of State