



The Senate of The State of Texas

In Recognition
of
Steve McCraw

WHEREAS, Steve McCraw will be retiring at the conclusion of 2024 from his role as director of the Texas Department of Public Safety after 15 years of exceptional leadership; and

WHEREAS, Steve McCraw has led an outstanding career of service to our nation and to the State of Texas, and he has devoted himself to ensuring the safety of all Texans through his uncompromising dedication to duty; and

WHEREAS, Steve McCraw began his career with the Texas Department of Public Safety in 1977 as a highway patrol trooper and later served as a narcotics agent; he joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1983, and he held a number of esteemed positions across the country, including key leadership roles in the nation's counterterrorism efforts in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, he returned to Texas to serve as director of homeland security in the office of Governor Rick Perry; he was appointed director of the Texas Department of Public Safety by the governor in 2009, and throughout his tenure, he has been instrumental in shaping the department into an elite and highly regarded state police agency; and

WHEREAS, Director McCraw's diligent administration of the department has included implementing a regional command structure that streamlined statewide operations, and his prudent oversight has resulted in increased pay for commissioned officers and additional career advancement opportunities for troopers; and

WHEREAS, Under his guidance, the department has acquired modernized equipment and an upgraded patrol fleet to greatly

enhance public safety and officer protection, and thousands of talented recruits have joined the ranks of the Texas Highway Patrol; and

WHEREAS, Among his many accomplishments as director, he instituted a fitness program that has earned national acclaim for its success, and the program is noted for the positive and transformational effect it has had on the health and well-being of employees throughout the agency; and

WHEREAS, Steve McCraw has handled the wide-ranging responsibilities and complex challenges of his position as the state's chief law enforcement officer with wisdom, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to public service, and he can reflect with pride on his distinguished career and on his invaluable contributions to the safety, security, and prosperity of all Texans; now, therefore, be it

PROCLAIMED, That Steve McCraw be commended on his superior leadership as director of the Texas Department of Public Safety and that he receive special recognition for his exemplary service to the people of the Lone Star State; and, be it further

PROCLAIMED, That a copy of this Proclamation be prepared for him as an expression of highest regard.

Patrick



Don Petuch

President of the Senate