

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Kevin W. Oaks retired from the United States Border Patrol on June 25, 2015, concluding a distinguished career that spanned three decades with the agency; and

WHEREAS, Named chief patrol agent for the Rio Grande Valley Sector in 2014, Mr. Oaks oversaw more than 3,000 agents and 9 border patrol stations, as well as 3 traffic checkpoints and an intelligence office; he began his tenure during an unprecedented surge in border crossings, and his skill, experience, and good working relationships with community leaders and officials proved crucial in managing the humanitarian crisis that arose as tens of thousands of unaccompanied children and families from Central America crossed from Mexico into the Rio Grande Valley; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Oaks demonstrated a strong commitment to increasing manpower and resources and improving infrastructure in order to better target drug trafficking and other criminal activities; under his command, the sector was able to acquire five aerostat surveillance platforms to enhance situational awareness; moreover, he increased transparency, ensuring that local residents, media, and stakeholders had access to all available information regarding critical incidents involving the border patrol; and

WHEREAS, Before taking on the role of chief agent in the Rio Grande Valley, Mr. Oaks was the operations division chief in the Office of Border Patrol in Washington, D.C.; he previously served as chief patrol agent of the Buffalo Sector and as commander of the Border Patrol Tactical Unit, among other managerial and supervisory positions; in addition, he is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Oaks greatly benefited his fellow Americans through his leadership, professionalism, and dedication to the vital mission of the border patrol, and he may indeed reflect with pride on his long record of professional accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Kevin Oaks be congratulated on his retirement as chief patrol agent of the Rio Grande Valley Sector of the U.S. Border Patrol and that he be extended sincere best wishes for the future.

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