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**NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION COMMENDS THE  
CAL RIPKEN, SR. FOUNDATION FOR THEIR DEDICATION  
TO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION**

**WHEREAS,** the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation (CRSF) has implemented a nationwide juvenile crime prevention program that brings law enforcement and children together through baseball and softball themed activities and character education;

**WHEREAS,** Badges for Baseball has proven to reshape relationships between law enforcement and children living in underserved communities by placing officers in the positive role of coach, mentor and friend;

**WHEREAS,** the Healthy Choices, Healthy Children curriculum, provided to children through summer programs and overnight camps, serves as a tool to help children make positive life choices, teaching them about respect, personal responsibility and teamwork;

**WHEREAS,** the CRSF has provided Badges for Baseball programming and resources to law enforcement and community based organizations in more than 30 states, positively impacting more than 100,000 children, ages 7-16, since 2001;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Sheriffs' Association does hereby commend the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation for their efforts to build character in youth and create mentoring relationships between law enforcement and children residing in distressed communities;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the National Sheriffs' Association further commends the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation for its role in bringing local law enforcement and youth serving community organizations together to reduce crime and build relationships with children in their communities.

Adopted at a Meeting of the General Membership in St. Louis, MO on June 20, 2011.