

By: King of Uvalde

H.R. No. 571

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Lynn Ellison retired as judge of the
2 81st Judicial District Court on December 31, 2022, and his
3 exemplary tenure in that office marked a notable chapter in a
4 distinguished legal career spanning nearly five decades; and

5 WHEREAS, Lynn Ellison was first elected judge of the 81st
6 Judicial District Court in 2018, and after taking office in 2019, he
7 presided over numerous civil, criminal, family, probate, and
8 juvenile cases for the court, which serves Atascosa, Frio, Karnes,
9 La Salle, and Wilson Counties; and

10 WHEREAS, Judge Ellison earned his bachelor's degree from
11 Tulane University and his law degree from The University of Texas at
12 Austin School of Law; he began his career in 1974 as an assistant
13 city attorney in Austin, and from 1975 to 1977, he was an assistant
14 district attorney in Travis County; after a brief time in private
15 practice, he served in a range of state positions, including as a
16 committee counsel for the Texas House of Representatives, as a
17 staff attorney for Texas MHMR, as general counsel for the office of
18 the Speaker of the House, as a staff attorney for the Texas State
19 Ethics Advisory Commission, and as a special assistant for the
20 State Property Tax Board; and

21 WHEREAS, In 1985, this respected attorney was hired by the
22 81st Judicial District Court as an assistant district attorney, and
23 he went on to be elected as the D.A., holding that office from 1993
24 to 2004; following nine years as an assistant attorney general, he

1 was appointed in 2013 as judge of the Atascosa County Court at Law,
2 where he served until his election as district court judge; and

3 WHEREAS, Judge Ellison has contributed to his professional
4 community as a member of the State Bar of Texas, the Atascosa County
5 Bar Association, and the Texas District and County Attorneys
6 Association, and he has served on the Special Prosecution Unit
7 Board; furthermore, he has given generously of his time to numerous
8 other organizations, including the Atascosa County Child Welfare
9 Board and the Atascosa County Law Enforcement Officers Association;
10 in all his endeavors, he enjoys the love and support of his wife of
11 42 years, Janet, his daughters, Rachel and Gretchen, and his
12 grandchildren; and

13 WHEREAS, Lynn Ellison's dedication, expertise, and
14 commitment to justice have greatly benefited citizens across the
15 Lone Star State, and he may indeed reflect with pride on his many
16 achievements; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
18 Legislature hereby congratulate Judge Lynn Ellison on his
19 retirement from the 81st Judicial District Court and extend to him
20 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for Judge Ellison as an expression of high regard by the
23 Texas House of Representatives.