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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The retirement of the Honorable Brent Carr as judge 2 of Tarrant County Criminal Court No. 9 on December 31, concluded an exceptional tenure that spanned more than three 3 decades; and 4 5 WHEREAS, After graduating from the University of Tampa, Brent Carr joined the Marine Corps and served in Washington, D.C., 6 7 Oklahoma, Korea, and Japan; he later continued his education at the South Texas College of Law in Houston, and in 1983, he began working 8

for the district attorney's office in Tarrant County; and

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WHEREAS, In 1991, this esteemed public official was elected as judge of Tarrant County Criminal Court No. 9; in the following years, he distinguished himself as a dedicated servant to the community; among his many responsibilities, he was the presiding judge over three specialty courts: the Tarrant County Mental Health Court, the Tarrant County Veterans Treatment Court, and the Tarrant County RISE program for female victims of sex trafficking; these initiatives give people a chance to be diverted from prosecution and have enhanced the lives of more than 1,000 participants; and

WHEREAS, Judge Carr shared his expertise and insight as a member of the Judicial Commission on Mental Health, and he was a 20 21 consultant for numerous specialty courts across the state of Texas; he was also a past chair of the Office of Court Administration's 22 Specialty Court Advisory Committee and the Tarrant County Mental 23 Health Association, as well as the inaugural chair of the Tarrant 24

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- 1 County Veterans Coalition; more recently, he was reappointed to the
- 2 Specialty Courts Advisory Council by Governor Greg Abbott; in all
- 3 his endeavors, he is supported by his wife and three children; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Judge Brent Carr
- 5 demonstrated a steadfast commitment to the law and to the highest
- 6 ideals of his profession, and it is indeed a privilege to recognize
- 7 him for his outstanding public service; now, therefore, be it
- 8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
- 9 Legislature hereby honor Brent Carr on the occasion of his
- 10 retirement as judge of Tarrant County Criminal Court No. 9 and
- 11 extend to him sincere best wishes as he embarks on the next exciting
- 12 chapter of his life; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 14 prepared for Judge Carr as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 15 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 583 was adopted by the House on March 30, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House