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H.R. No. 583

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The retirement of the Honorable Brent Carr as judge
2 of Tarrant County Criminal Court No. 9 on December 31, 2022,
3 concluded an exceptional tenure that spanned more than three
4 decades; and

5 WHEREAS, After graduating from the University of Tampa, Brent
6 Carr joined the Marine Corps and served in Washington, D.C.,
7 Oklahoma, Korea, and Japan; he later continued his education at the
8 South Texas College of Law in Houston, and in 1983, he began working
9 for the district attorney's office in Tarrant County; and

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

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

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

13 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.