

By: Moody

H.R. No. 2041

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable William Edward Moody has served with
2 distinction as presiding judge of the 34th District Court in
3 El Paso County for 36 years; and

4 WHEREAS, Appointed in 1986 at the age of 36, Judge Bill Moody
5 was then one of the youngest judges on the bench; he has since been
6 elected nine times and now ranks as the longest-serving judge in the
7 history of El Paso; during his remarkable tenure, he has presided
8 over more than 800 felony and civil cases, including five capital
9 murder cases; he has also served as presiding judge for the 6th
10 Administrative Judicial Region of Texas and for the Council of
11 Judges of El Paso County; in 2001, he successfully led the fight to
12 increase juror pay in the county, and four years later, he was the
13 lead witness before the legislature in the successful effort to
14 raise juror pay across the state; he is the recipient of an
15 Outstanding Service Award from the American Board of Trial
16 Advocates; and

17 WHEREAS, Before taking the bench, Judge Moody held the
18 position of first assistant district attorney in El Paso; he was a
19 member of the Texas Ethics Commission for three years and further
20 distinguished himself as its vice chair; a veteran of the U.S. Army,
21 he holds a bachelor's degree with honors from The University of
22 Texas at El Paso and a law degree from Texas Tech University, and he
23 is currently working on a master's degree in history; and

24 WHEREAS, Judge Moody has served in leadership roles with many

1 civic organizations, among them the advisory boards of the El Paso
2 Boy Scouts, Yucca Council, and the El Paso Museum of History, and he
3 served three terms on the board of the El Paso County Historical
4 Society; currently, he is president of GiGi's Playhouse El Paso,
5 which offers programs for children and adults with Down syndrome;
6 he has been recognized for his community involvement by the El Paso
7 Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; and

8 WHEREAS, Over the course of his long and rewarding career,
9 Judge Moody has earned the respect and admiration of all who know
10 him, and it is indeed a privilege to join with residents of El Paso
11 County in honoring him for his outstanding public service; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
14 Legislature hereby honor Judge William Edward Moody for his service
15 to the 34th District Court in El Paso County and extend to him
16 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Judge Moody as an expression of high regard by the
19 Texas House of Representatives.