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H.R. No. 2355

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Hilda Gloria Tagle retired as senior
2 judge of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
3 in 2021, drawing to a close a pioneering career in the law that
4 spanned more than four decades; and

5 WHEREAS, The daughter of Manuel and Dolores Cipriano Tagle,
6 Hilda Tagle was born in Corpus Christi in 1946 and grew up in
7 Robstown; she earned her associate's degree from Del Mar College in
8 1967, her bachelor's degree from East Texas State University in
9 1969, and her master's degree in library science from North Texas
10 State University in 1971; and

11 WHEREAS, While working as a librarian at Strake Jesuit
12 College Preparatory School in Houston, Judge Tagle enrolled in The
13 University of Texas School of Law, and she graduated in 1977; she
14 began her legal career as an assistant city attorney in Corpus
15 Christi and as an assistant county attorney in Nueces County, and in
16 1980 she was recruited by the Nueces County district attorney to
17 prosecute felonies; she then entered private practice for a time,
18 while also teaching at Del Mar College; and

19 WHEREAS, In 1985, Judge Tagle was appointed to Nueces County
20 Court at Law No. 3, making her the first Hispanic woman to serve as
21 a judge in Nueces County, the first Hispanic woman to serve on a
22 county court at law in Texas, and the second Hispanic woman to serve
23 as judge of a court of record in the history of Texas; she was
24 elected judge of the 148th District Court in Corpus Christi in 1994,

1 and in 1997 she was nominated by President Bill Clinton to the U.S.
2 District Court; confirmed by the U.S. Senate the following year,
3 she became the first Hispanic woman to serve as a U.S. District
4 Court judge in Texas, and on December 31, 2012, she became the
5 court's senior judge; and

6 WHEREAS, Judge Tagle's dedication, expertise, and commitment
7 to the law have greatly benefited the citizens of Texas and earned
8 her the respect and admiration of her fellow jurists, and she may
9 indeed reflect with pride on a career well spent as she embarks on
10 the next exciting chapter of her life; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Hilda Gloria Tagle on her
13 retirement as senior judge of the U.S. District Court for the
14 Southern District of Texas and extend to her sincere best wishes for
15 the future; and, be it further

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