

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas is pleased to
3 recognize Chief Judge Ricardo H. Hinojosa on 40 years of exemplary
4 service as a judicial official; and

5 WHEREAS, Ricardo Hinojosa served as chief judge of the United
6 States District Court for the Southern District of Texas from 2009
7 until 2016 and was nominated for federal judgeship by President
8 Ronald Reagan in April of 1983; and

9 WHEREAS, The Southern District, one of the Lone Star State's
10 four federal judicial districts, extends from Houston to Laredo and
11 is headquartered in Houston; Judge Hinojosa was the 25th judge to
12 serve the Southern District since its creation in 1902; and

13 WHEREAS, Ricardo Hinojosa was born in Rio Grande City to
14 Miguel and Josefina Hinojosa; he was the valedictorian of his
15 graduating class at Rio Grande City High School, and he went on to
16 earn his bachelor's degree with honors from The University of Texas
17 in 1972 before graduating from Harvard Law School in 1975; and

18 WHEREAS, After earning his law degree, Ricardo Hinojosa
19 clerked for the Texas Supreme Court for one year and entered private
20 practice with Ewers and Toothaker Law Firm in McAllen; he went on to
21 hold the positions of commissioner, acting chair, and chair for the
22 United States Sentencing Commission, and he taught at The
23 University of Texas Law School from 2001 through 2003; and

24 WHEREAS, Highly respected by the residents of the Rio Grande

1 Valley for his outstanding leadership and his commitment to
2 justice, Judge Hinojosa gives generously of his time and resources
3 to serve his community and his judicial district; he was named one
4 of "America's Top 40 Public Servants" by *Management Magazine* and
5 was a member of the advisory group on sentencing for the American
6 Law Institute's Model Penal Code project; and

7 WHEREAS, In addition to his dedicated public service, Judge
8 Hinojosa served as a member of the President's Commission on White
9 House Fellows and as chairman of the Texas Commission on the
10 Bicentennial of the United States Constitution; and

11 WHEREAS, A man of humility, grace, and integrity, Judge
12 Hinojosa takes pride in upholding the law and protecting and
13 representing the interests of his community and his state; he
14 credits his parents, teachers, and mentors for forging his strength
15 of character and his commitment to service, and he continually
16 expresses his gratitude for their invaluable lessons; it is truly
17 fitting that he receive special recognition on his years of
18 distinguished service to the people of Texas and on his many
19 contributions to our state's bright future; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
21 hereby commend Chief Judge Ricardo H. Hinojosa on 40 years of
22 exceptional judicial service and extend to him best wishes in all of
23 his endeavors; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for him
25 as an expression of esteem from the Texas Legislature.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 41 was adopted by the Senate on April 6, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 41 was adopted by the House on April 20, 2023.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor