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S.R. No. 55

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Woodrow W. Gossom Jr. is stepping down
2 as Wichita County judge on December 31, 2022, drawing to a close
3 more than three decades of service to the county; and

4 WHEREAS, After attending Texas A&M University, "Woody"
5 Gossom completed his bachelor's degree at Midwestern State
6 University; he earned his master's degree from the University of
7 Denver and went on to pursue doctoral studies at the University of
8 North Texas; after leaving active military duty in 1973, he was
9 employed as associate dean of students at MSU, and he was the
10 general manager of City Concrete; he concluded his service with the
11 Texas Army National Guard and the Army Reserve as a colonel in 2005,
12 and upon his retirement, he received the Legion of Merit; and

13 WHEREAS, Judge Gossom was appointed as county judge in
14 January 1999, having previously served as a Wichita County
15 commissioner; over the course of his 23-year tenure on the bench, he
16 has ably performed the responsibilities of his position and served
17 his fellow citizens with distinction; he has enhanced his
18 effectiveness through his participation in the Texas Association of
19 Counties leadership program and the association's Texas Judicial
20 Academy, and he is also a graduate of the 2000 Commissioners Court
21 Advanced Curriculum program; and

22 WHEREAS, Active in his community, Judge Gossom has been
23 involved in numerous civic organizations, including Kiwanis,
24 American Red Cross, and the Wichita Falls Regional Chamber of

1 Commerce; he is also a member of First Christian Church of Wichita
2 Falls; in all his endeavors, he enjoys the love and support of his
3 wife, Kris, and their four children, as well as their five
4 grandchildren; and

5 WHEREAS, The dedication and integrity demonstrated by Woody
6 Gossom have greatly benefited the residents of Wichita County and
7 earned him the respect and admiration of his peers, and he may
8 indeed reflect with pride on his many achievements as he begins the
9 next exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
11 hereby congratulate Woodrow W. Gossom Jr. on his retirement as
12 Wichita County judge and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
13 future; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Judge Gossom as an expression of high regard by the
16 Texas Senate.