

By: Smithee

H.R. No. 1077

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable John T. Boyd of Amarillo is retiring
2 as senior justice of the Court of Appeals, Seventh Appellate
3 District of Texas, after having served on the bench of that court
4 for more than two decades; and

5 WHEREAS, This accomplished Texan attended the Virginia
6 Military Institute before enrolling in Baylor University, where he
7 earned a bachelor of arts degree in 1949 and a law degree the
8 following year; later in life, he returned to the halls of academia
9 to pursue further legal studies, and in 1988 he completed his master
10 of laws degree at the University of Virginia; and

11 WHEREAS, A former partner at Morehead, Sharp, Boyd & Tisdell,
12 Justice Boyd first entered public service in 1969, when he became
13 district judge for the 64th Judicial District; 12 years later he
14 joined the Seventh Court of Appeals, and in 1996 he rose to the rank
15 of chief justice; he has held the post of senior justice since 2002;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, During the course of his illustrious career, Justice
18 Boyd has served as president of the Amarillo Bar Association and as
19 chairman of both the State Commission on Judicial Conduct and the
20 judicial section of the State Bar of Texas; he is the 1979 recipient
21 of the state bar's Presidential Citation, the Baylor Alumni
22 Association's 2001 Price Daniel Distinguished Public Service
23 Award, the Amarillo Bar Association's 2002 Chief Justice Charles L.
24 Reynolds Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Texas Bar Foundation's

1 2003 Samuel Pessara Outstanding Jurist Award; and

2 WHEREAS, While rendering immeasurable service to his fellow
3 citizens in his professional capacity, Justice Boyd has contributed
4 further still through his extensive involvement in the community; a
5 deacon at the First Baptist Church and former president of the
6 Plainview Rotary Club and Amarillo East Rotary Club, he has also
7 served as president of the Plainview I.S.D. Board of Trustees and as
8 a regent of Baylor University; and

9 WHEREAS, In every aspect of his life, Justice Boyd has
10 epitomized fairness, integrity, and service before self, and his
11 efforts have truly made the Lone Star State a better place in which
12 to live, work, and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
14 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable John T. Boyd on his
15 retirement as senior justice of the Seventh Court of Appeals and
16 extend to him warmest best wishes for continued happiness and
17 success; and, be it further

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