

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 799

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Honorable David Hittner for his 25 years of outstanding service to the citizens of the State of Texas and the United States as a member of the state and federal judiciary; and

WHEREAS, Judge Hittner graduated from New York University and New York University School of Law; he is a member of the State Bar of Texas and the State Bar of New York and has been admitted to the Bar of the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, David Hittner has been a judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas since 1986, and before that he served as judge of the 133rd Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas, for eight years; and

WHEREAS, Judge Hittner is an accomplished scholar with more than 80 legal publications including a three-volume federal practice book, state practice books, and numerous law review articles; and

WHEREAS, Judge Hittner has devoted countless hours to continuing legal education and is recognized as an innovator in lecture programs, having originated his "Saturday Morning in Court" seminars in both federal and state civil practice in 1981; he is dedicated to improving the legal education process for attorneys throughout the State of Texas and has been recognized by the American Bar Association with a Special Award of Merit for achievement in continuing legal education; and

WHEREAS, During his career, Judge Hittner has received numerous honors in the legal field, including the Samuel E. Gates Award, which is the highest national recognition given by the American College of Trial Lawyers for improvement of the litigation process in the United States; the Outstanding Lawyer in Texas Award given by the president of the State Bar of Texas; the Civil Judge of the Year Award given by the Association of Civil Trial and Appellate Specialists; and the Criminal Judge of the Year designation by *The Houston Press*; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his accomplishments in the legal profession, David Hittner attained the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America in 1953 and has since been recognized with the Silver Antelope, Silver Beaver, and Distinguished Eagle Scout awards and has devoted many hours of service to both the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of America organizations; and

WHEREAS, Judge Hittner served his country honorably as an infantry captain and paratrooper in the United States Army from 1965 to 1966; and

WHEREAS, Judge Hittner is highly regarded by his colleagues for his extensive legal knowledge and for his exceptional public

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service in advancing legal ethics, and he is truly worthy of legislative recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend the Honorable David Hittner for his exceptional service to our nation's justice system and extend to him best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 16, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate