

By: Smithee

H.R. No. 334

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The first female ever to serve as an appellate judge
2 in the State of Texas, Judge Mary Lou Robinson of Amarillo has
3 benefited her fellow citizens with diligence and skill for the past
4 five decades, and it is indeed fitting to reflect on this dedicated
5 jurist's exemplary tenure on the bench; and

6 WHEREAS, Judge Robinson attended Amarillo College and
7 received her undergraduate and law degrees at The University of
8 Texas; she began her legal career in Austin in 1949 and returned the
9 following year to Amarillo, where she continued in private
10 practice; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1955, she was appointed judge of the newly
12 created Potter County Court at Law, beginning the first of many
13 judgeships she would hold over the course of her career; and

14 WHEREAS, Since that time, she has also served as judge of the
15 108th District Court of Potter County, associate justice and then
16 chief justice of the Court of Civil Appeals for the Seventh Supreme
17 Judicial District, and United States District Judge for the
18 Northern District of Texas, Amarillo Division; and

19 WHEREAS, Judge Robinson has brought to each of these
20 positions her characteristic intelligence and integrity, and the
21 high esteem in which she is held by her professional peers is
22 evident from the many honors she has been accorded, including the
23 Texas Center for Legal Ethics Sandra Day O'Connor Award for
24 Professional Excellence, the Texas Bar Foundation Outstanding

1 Fifty-Year Lawyer Award, and inclusion in a special commemorative
2 edition of *Texas Lawyer* magazine as one of the 100 "Legal Legends"
3 of Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, A vital presence in the civic life of her hometown,
5 she has given generously of her time and talent to such worthwhile
6 institutions as Kairos House, the Rotary Club of Amarillo, the
7 Amarillo Club of Zonta International, and Westminster Presbyterian
8 Church; and

9 WHEREAS, Named the 2004 Distinguished Alumna of the Year by
10 Amarillo College, Judge Robinson is also the recipient of the 1998
11 Career Achievement Award from the Amarillo Women's Network and is
12 listed in *Who's Who in America*; and

13 WHEREAS, Those Texans who dedicate themselves to the
14 challenges of public service are truly deserving of our deepest
15 gratitude and admiration, and Mary Lou Robinson's remarkable tenure
16 as a jurist has set a high standard of excellence to which all may
17 aspire; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
19 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor Judge Mary Lou
20 Robinson for her 50 years of outstanding public service and extend
21 to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for Judge Robinson as an expression of high regard by the
24 Texas House of Representatives.