

By: Brown of Kaufman

H.R. No. 1826

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Honorable Jack H. Holland, judge of the 173rd  
2 Judicial District Court of the State of Texas, is retiring on June  
3 8, 2005, after 36 years of exemplary service to his fellow citizens;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, A distinguished member of the bar since 1955, Jack  
6 Holland grew up in Athens and, following a year of active duty in  
7 the U.S. Air Force, earned his bachelor's degree at the University  
8 of North Texas and his law degree at The University of Texas at  
9 Austin; and

10           WHEREAS, Returning to Athens in 1959, he spent the next  
11 decade practicing law with an area firm, presiding as city judge,  
12 and serving as county attorney; in 1969, he was appointed to the  
13 173rd District Court by Governor Preston Smith; the following year,  
14 he ran for the office in the general election and, since that  
15 initial victory some 35 years ago, he has run unopposed; and

16           WHEREAS, Holding the record as the longest standing judge in  
17 his position in Henderson County history, this esteemed Texan has  
18 continued a family legacy of public service, which includes his  
19 father's career as county tax assessor and collector from the 1940s  
20 through the 1960s, his uncle's service as district judge, and his  
21 sister's tenure as county treasurer; and

22           WHEREAS, Following his retirement, Judge Holland intends to  
23 serve as a visiting judge in district and county courts around the  
24 state; a member of the Athens Rotary Club, Masonic Lodge, and First

1 United Methodist Church, he helped found the Athens chapter of the  
2 Sons of the American Revolution; when not engaged by these  
3 volunteer activities or his judicial duties, he plans to spend time  
4 gardening and ballroom dancing with his wife, Jean, with whom he has  
5 joyfully shared the last 52 years; and

6 WHEREAS, Judge Holland's tenure as a jurist has been  
7 characterized by diligence, integrity, and a passion for the law,  
8 and it is indeed appropriate to join with the residents of Athens  
9 and Henderson County to honor this highly respected member of the  
10 judiciary for his outstanding public service; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby commend the Honorable Jack H. Holland of the  
13 173rd Judicial District Court of the State of Texas on his  
14 exceptional career on the bench and extend to him sincere best  
15 wishes for an enjoyable retirement; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for Judge Holland as an expression of high regard by the  
18 Texas House of Representatives.