

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1106

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

WHEREAS, A distinguished member of the bar since 1955, Jack Holland grew up in Athens and, following a year of active duty in the United States Air Force, earned his bachelor's degree at the University of North Texas and his law degree at The University of Texas at Austin; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Following his retirement, Judge Holland intends to serve as a visiting judge in district and county courts around the state; a member of the Athens Rotary Club, Masonic Lodge, and First United Methodist Church, he helped found the Athens chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution; when not engaged by these

volunteer activities or his judicial duties, he plans to spend time gardening and ballroom dancing with his wife, Jean, with whom he has joyfully shared the last 52 years; and

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

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

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Judge Holland as an expression of high regard 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 30, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate