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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Municipal courts provide citizens of the Lone Star  
2 State a local forum where questions of law and fact can be resolved  
3 with respect to alleged violations of state law and transgressions  
4 against municipal ordinances; and

5           WHEREAS, Because municipal courts are the courts most  
6 routinely experienced by Texans, both adults and juveniles, they  
7 could be said to constitute the arm of government that is closest to  
8 the greatest number of people; and

9           WHEREAS, Judges of the municipal courts function also as  
10 magistrates for the State of Texas, and in doing so perform  
11 functions including issuing search and arrest warrants, giving  
12 magistrate warnings, and setting bail for offenses ranging from  
13 petty theft to murder; and

14           WHEREAS, Pledging to be impartial and conform to the  
15 standards set by the Canons of Judicial Conduct, the estimated  
16 6,000 municipal court judges and court support personnel work  
17 diligently to ensure the fair administration of justice while  
18 upholding the rigorous standards of professionalism; and

19           WHEREAS, Municipal judges, clerks, court administrators,  
20 bailiffs, and warrant officers continually strive to improve the  
21 administration of justice through participation in judicial  
22 education programs, seminars, workshops, and the annual meetings of  
23 their state and local professional organizations; and

24           WHEREAS, It is most appropriate to recognize the

1 accomplishments of the municipal courts in Texas and salute their  
2 critical role in preserving public safety, protecting the quality  
3 of life in Texas communities, and deterring future criminal  
4 behavior; now, therefore, be it

5         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby recognize November 5-9, 2007, and November 3-7,  
7 2008, as Municipal Courts Week and take special note of the  
8 important work performed by all those associated with the state's  
9 municipal courts.