RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Honorable Charles Everingham IV, of Diana, was sworn in on April 13, 2007, as the first U.S. Magistrate Judge to be assigned full-time to the Marshall Division of the Eastern District of Texas; and WHEREAS, Following the creation of the new judgeship Marshall by the Judicial Conference of the United States September 2006, Judge Everingham was nominated for that office by an eight-member merit selection panel and appointed by the judges of the Eastern District; the Marshall Division encompasses the

counties of Camp, Cass, Harrison, Marion, Morris, and Upshur; and

WHEREAS, Judge Everingham took the oath of office at the

United States Courthouse in Marshall, in a special session of the

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas; the ceremony

was attended by an overflow crowd composed of members of the state

and federal judiciary, attorneys from across the region, local

dignitaries, and family and friends; Judge Everingham was

administered the oath by the Honorable T. John Ward, United States

District Judge, and robed by his wife, Wendi, and his children,

Emily and Chance; and

WHEREAS, Before ascending to the bench, Charles "Chad" Everingham served as permanent law clerk to Judge Ward, a post he assumed in January 2000; during his tenure in that position, he played an instrumental role in developing procedures for the efficient management of Judge Ward's docket; and

WHEREAS, Judge Everingham began his career in 1993 as a law clerk to the Honorable Howell Cobb, then a District Judge for the Eastern District; a year later, he joined the Longview firm of Brown McCarroll & Oaks Hartline as an associate attorney; he served as lead counsel in complex jury trials and as second chair counsel in numerous other cases, representing clients in both state and federal courts; and

WHEREAS, An alumnus of Stephen F. Austin State University, where he earned a degree in political science, Judge Everingham subsequently graduated at the head of his class from Baylor Law School; while a student, he served as lead articles editor for the Baylor Law Review; and

WHEREAS, Judge Everingham and his family are members of St.

Andrew Presbyterian Church in Longview; and

WHEREAS, Held in the highest esteem by all who have worked with him over the years, Judge Everingham is indeed deserving of the confidence that has been placed in him by the bench of the Eastern District, and with his appointment, the citizens of the Marshall Division have gained a public servant of the utmost integrity and ability; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Charles Everingham IV on his appointment as the first U.S. Magistrate Judge to serve the Marshall Division of the Eastern District of Texas on a full-time basis and extend to Judge Everingham sincere best wishes as he takes up the duties of his new office; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

- 1 prepared for Judge Everingham as an expression of high regard by the
- 2 Texas House of Representatives.

Hughes

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1796 was adopted by the House on May 18, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House