

By: Hughes

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Charles Everingham IV, of Diana, was
2 sworn in on April 13, 2007, as the first U.S. Magistrate Judge to be
3 assigned full-time to the Marshall Division of the Eastern District
4 of Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, Following the creation of the new judgeship in
6 Marshall by the Judicial Conference of the United States in
7 September 2006, Judge Everingham was nominated for that office by
8 an eight-member merit selection panel and appointed by the judges
9 of the Eastern District; the Marshall Division encompasses the
10 counties of Camp, Cass, Harrison, Marion, Morris, and Upshur; and

11 WHEREAS, Judge Everingham took the oath of office at the
12 United States Courthouse in Marshall, in a special session of the
13 U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas; the ceremony
14 was attended by an overflow crowd composed of members of the state
15 and federal judiciary, attorneys from across the region, local
16 dignitaries, and family and friends; Judge Everingham was
17 administered the oath by the Honorable T. John Ward, United States
18 District Judge, and robed by his wife, Wendi, and his children,
19 Emily and Chance; and

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

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

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

13 WHEREAS, Judge Everingham and his family are members of St.
14 Andrew Presbyterian Church in Longview; and

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

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

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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