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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Margaret Robbins is retiring as program director for  
2 the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center on August 31, 2007,  
3 bringing to a close an exemplary career in public service that has  
4 spanned nearly 30 years; and

5           WHEREAS, the former Margaret Hurlbert graduated from  
6 Anaconda High School in Anaconda, Montana in 1965; and studied  
7 music and elementary education at Western Montana College in  
8 Dillon, Montana and at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas,  
9 where she married her college sweetheart, Jesse Ennis Robbins Jr.  
10 on September 7, 1968; and

11           WHEREAS, in 1978 Margaret Robbins began her career in public  
12 service with the City of Cedar Park, a city she still calls home,  
13 first as an assistant tax assessor/collector, and subsequently as a  
14 police dispatcher and police secretary; in 1979 she became the  
15 city's court clerk, and in 1982 was appointed municipal judge; and

16           WHEREAS, in 1986, Judge Robbins was hired by the  
17 organization, then known as the Texas Municipal Courts Training  
18 Center, to coordinate its court clerks and court administrators  
19 program; during the last 20 years, through her dedicated work as a  
20 judicial educator and her love for local trial courts, she has  
21 earned a statewide reputation for her wealth of knowledge as it  
22 relates to the administration of municipal courts; and

23           WHEREAS, during her tenure at the Texas Municipal Courts  
24 Education Center, Margaret Robbins has served as an author and

1 editor of numerous publications and was instrumental in the  
2 creation of the Municipal Court Clerks Certification Program; and

3 WHEREAS, Municipal judges, clerks, court administrators,  
4 bailiffs, and warrant officers continually strive to improve the  
5 administration of justice through participation in judicial  
6 education programs, seminars, workshops, and the annual meetings of  
7 their state and local professional organizations; Margaret Robbins  
8 has played an instrumental role during her career in increasing the  
9 professionalism of tens of thousands of people who, in turn,  
10 dedicate themselves to serving the public's interest; and

11 WHEREAS, in all of her endeavors, Ms. Robbins enjoys the  
12 eternal love and support of her late husband, Jesse; her son, Jason  
13 Robbins; his wife, Rachel and her four grandchildren, Jacob, Emily,  
14 Joseph and Jack; and

15 WHEREAS, Margaret Robbins has earned the admiration and  
16 respect of her colleagues; her influence will no doubt be felt for  
17 years to come as those who have learned from her continue her legacy  
18 of dedication; and

19 WHEREAS, it is most appropriate to recognize the role that  
20 Margaret Robbins has played in the operation of the courts that make  
21 up a plurality of the Texas judicial system and are essential to  
22 preserving public safety, and maintaining quality of life; now,  
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
25 Legislature hereby commend the Honorable Margaret Robbins for her  
26 many years of exemplary service to the Texas judicial system and  
27 extend to her best wishes for a satisfying retirement; and, be it

1 further

2           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
3 prepared for Ms. Robbins as an expression of high regard by the  
4 Texas House of Representatives.