

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Brian Hoyle of Longview has taken
2 office as a justice of the 12th Court of Appeals; and

3 WHEREAS, A lifelong Texan, Justice Hoyle was born in
4 Arlington and raised in Mansfield; he graduated with a bachelor of
5 arts degree from The University of Texas at Arlington in 1991 and
6 received his law degree from Baylor University in 1994; and

7 WHEREAS, After clerking for the Honorable William M. Steger,
8 United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, in
9 Tyler from 1994 to 1996, Justice Hoyle practiced law in Longview; he
10 was associated with Merriman, Patterson & Allison from 1996 to 2000
11 and with Brown McCarroll from 2000 to 2006; and

12 WHEREAS, While working as an attorney, Justice Hoyle focused
13 on such areas as civil defense in product liability, medical
14 malpractice, toxic tort, and employment discrimination; he has also
15 lectured and published on the matter of federal preemption; and

16 WHEREAS, Appointed by Governor Rick Perry to fill the seat
17 vacated by Justice Diane DeVasto on the 12th Court of Appeals,
18 Justice Hoyle was sworn in on August 28, 2006; he was elected on
19 November 7, 2006, to complete the remaining four years of Justice
20 DeVasto's term; and

21 WHEREAS, Justice Hoyle is married to Katherine Nicole
22 Mitchell Hoyle and is the father of two daughters, Katee and Megan;
23 he has played an active role in his community as a member of the
24 Longview Partnership and Alpine Church of Christ; and

1 WHEREAS, With the elevation of Justice Brian Hoyle to the
2 judiciary, his fellow citizens have gained a public servant of the
3 utmost integrity and ability, and it is indeed a privilege to
4 recognize this esteemed Texan for his vital contributions to the
5 continuing strength of our civil society; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
7 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Brian Hoyle on his
8 elevation to the bench of the 12th Court of Appeals and extend to
9 him sincere appreciation for his outstanding public service; and,
10 be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Justice Hoyle as an expression of high regard by the
13 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2867

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2867 was adopted by the House on May 26, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House