

R E S O L U T I O N

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

5 WHEREAS, Because citizens come into contact with municipal
6 courts more than any other courts, the public impression of the
7 Texas judicial system is largely dependent on their experience
8 there; and

9 WHEREAS, Judges of the municipal courts function also as
10 magistrates for the State of Texas, and in that role they perform
11 such duties as 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 to conform to the
15 standards set by the Canons of Judicial Conduct, the estimated
16 6,000 employees of municipal courts work diligently to ensure the
17 fair administration of justice while upholding the rigorous
18 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, Municipal courts in Texas play a vital role in

1 preserving public safety, protecting the quality of life for area
2 residents, and deterring future criminal behavior, and it is indeed
3 fitting to recognize municipal judges and court support personnel
4 for their exemplary dedication to the communities they serve; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
7 Legislature hereby recognize November 2-6, 2009, as Municipal
8 Courts Week and take special note of the important work performed by
9 all those associated with the state's municipal courts.

Solomons

Straus	Gattis	Menendez
Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Peña
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

H.R. No. 257

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 257 was adopted by the House on
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Chief Clerk of the House