

By: Gallego

H.R. No. 719

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Thomas Lee, judge of the 63rd State
2 District Court, retired on December 31, 2008, after three decades
3 of exemplary service to his fellow citizens; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Freer, Tom Lee graduated from Texas A&M
5 University and, following two years of service in the U.S. Army,
6 earned his law degree at St. Mary's University in San Antonio; he
7 began his legal career in 1973 with the Del Rio firm of Lowrey,
8 Foster and Hodge; and

9 WHEREAS, Five years later, this esteemed Texan was appointed
10 district attorney of the 63rd State Judicial District by Governor
11 Dolph Briscoe, and he served with distinction in that position
12 through 2000 when he was elected district judge; and

13 WHEREAS, Judge Lee has been active in a number of
14 professional organizations, serving as president of the Val Verde
15 County Bar Association, chair of District 15c of the State Bar
16 Grievance Committee, and member of the Border District Bar
17 Association; and

18 WHEREAS, Also a leader in his community, he has shared his
19 time with the Val Verde County Child Welfare Board, Quad Counties
20 Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, and St. James Episcopal Church;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, Judge Lee and his wife,
23 Carol, are the proud parents of two children, Allyson and Stephen,
24 and have three grandchildren, Bradley, Oliver, and Elliot; he has

1 dedicated much time to Boy Scouts of America and is a member of the
2 National Eagle Scout Association, a recipient of the Silver Beaver
3 Award, and a Vigil Member of the Order of the Arrow; in his free
4 time, he enjoys playing the banjo with the Borderline Singers, a
5 bluegrass band that entertains at civic events and charity
6 fund-raisers; and

7 WHEREAS, Judge Lee's tenure as a jurist has been
8 characterized by diligence, integrity, and a passion for the law,
9 and it is indeed appropriate to join with the residents of Val Verde
10 and Terrell Counties to honor this highly respected member of the
11 judiciary for his outstanding public service; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Thomas Lee on his
14 retirement as judge of the 63rd State District Court, commend him on
15 his exceptional career, and extend to him sincere best wishes for an
16 enjoyable retirement; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Judge Lee as an expression of high regard by the Texas
19 House of Representatives.