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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Eric V. Moyé recently made history as
2 the first African American ever elected as judge of a civil district
3 court in Dallas County when he was elected to preside over the 14th
4 Civil District Court on November 4, 2008; and

5 WHEREAS, Eric Moyé grew up in New York, but he earned his
6 bachelor's degree in Texas at Southern Methodist University in
7 1976; he went on to graduate from Harvard Law School in 1979 before
8 returning to Dallas to launch his legal career; he worked at the
9 firms of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P., and Vial,
10 Hamilton, Koch & Knox, L.L.P., representing an array of clients,
11 from individuals and companies to larger entities such as the
12 Dallas Independent School District; in 1993, he was appointed by
13 Governor Ann Richards to preside over the 101st Civil District
14 Court in Dallas County, and he later became a founding partner of
15 Vincent & Moyé, a commercial litigation firm with offices in Dallas
16 and Houston; and

17 WHEREAS, Judge Moyé is licensed by the bars of Texas and New
18 York, as well as by the U.S. Supreme Court and Court of Appeals; in
19 addition to more than 25 years of civil practice experience, he has
20 served on various appeal and advisory boards for the City of Dallas
21 and has been involved in dispute mediation; he has also been active
22 in the American Bar Association, the American Judicature Society,
23 the Dallas Bar Association, and the American Association for
24 Justice, and he was a fellow for the Texas Bar Foundation; moreover,

1 he was president of the Harvard Law School Alumni Association, and
2 he returns to his alma mater every year to teach trial law at the
3 Harvard Law School Trial Advocacy Workshop; he has further shared
4 his expertise as an adjunct faculty member at SMU's Dedman College;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Despite his busy professional life, Judge Moyé has
7 found time to devote to numerous community organizations, including
8 the Leadership Dallas Alumni Association, St. Philip's School and
9 Community Center, and the Dallas Symphony Orchestra; a former
10 delegate to the Democratic National Convention, he has been
11 affiliated with the Dallas Democratic Forum and the Democratic
12 Progressive Voters League, and he was a member of the Dallas chapter
13 of the American Civil Liberties Union; he has also served on the
14 Mayor's Task Force on Housing and Economic Development in Southern
15 Dallas and contributed to the Dallas Urban League; and

16 WHEREAS, Eric Moyé has long demonstrated a profound
17 commitment to his community and to his profession, and he may indeed
18 reflect with great pride on his notable achievements as he takes on
19 this new role; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
21 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Eric V. Moyé on his
22 election and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
23 success and happiness; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for Judge Moyé as an expression of high regard by the Texas
26 House of Representatives.