

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Mickey R. Pennington, judge of the
2 38th State District Court, retired on December 31, 2008, after 25
3 years of exemplary service in behalf of his fellow citizens; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Eldorado, Mickey Pennington graduated
5 from The University of Texas at Austin and earned his law degree at
6 St. Mary's University in San Antonio; he began his legal career in
7 1977 with the law firm of Kessler, Kessler, Vaughn and Pennington in
8 Uvalde; and

9 WHEREAS, Six years later, this esteemed Texan was appointed
10 judge of the 38th State Judicial District by Governor Mark White,
11 and he served with distinction in that position through 2008; and

12 WHEREAS, Judge Pennington has been active in a number of
13 professional organizations, serving as president of the Uvalde
14 County Bar Association, as a board member of the Center for the
15 Texas Judiciary, as a life fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, and
16 as a fellow of the State College of the Judiciary; he is also a
17 graduate of the Advanced Judicial College, a member of the Supreme
18 Court Task Force for Foster Care, and a member of the Border
19 District Bar Association; and

20 WHEREAS, A leader in his community as well, he has shared his
21 time to benefit the Uvalde County Child Welfare Board and has served
22 as chair of the First United Methodist Church Board of Trustees; and

23 WHEREAS, This devoted family man and his wife, Barbara, are
24 the proud parents of two children, Sarah, a graduate of Texas

1 A&M--Corpus Christi, and Rebecca, a graduate of The University of
2 Texas at Austin; and

3 WHEREAS, Judge Pennington's tenure as a jurist has been
4 characterized by diligence, integrity, and a passion for the law,
5 and it is indeed fitting to join with the residents of Uvalde,
6 Medina, and Real Counties to honor this highly respected member of
7 the judiciary for his outstanding public service; now, therefore,
8 be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Mickey R. Pennington
11 on his retirement as judge of the 38th State District Court, commend
12 him on his exceptional career, and extend to him sincere best wishes
13 for an enjoyable retirement; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Judge Pennington as an expression of high regard by the
16 Texas House of Representatives.

Gallego

H.R. No. 2262

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2262 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House