

By: Rodriguez

H.R. No. 2398

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of an esteemed attorney and judge drew to a
2 close with the passing of the Honorable Scott Alan Ozmun of Austin
3 on May 8, 2009, at the age of 50; and

4 WHEREAS, Scott Ozmun established a distinguished career as a
5 civil trial lawyer that extended for more than two decades, and he
6 took a leadership role in the Travis County Democratic Party as well
7 as many professional organizations; in 2008, he was elected judge
8 of the 353rd District Court, serving in that position until the time
9 of his death; and

10 WHEREAS, Born on September 30, 1958, in Cleveland, Ohio,
11 Judge Ozmun spent several years in New York early in his life; he
12 completed his undergraduate studies at Georgetown University,
13 where he served as student body president during his senior year,
14 and graduated with honors from The University of Texas School of Law
15 in 1985; and

16 WHEREAS, After working as a briefing attorney for Justice
17 William Kilgarlin of the Texas Supreme Court, he entered private
18 practice and became a partner in the Austin law firm that is now
19 known as Whitehurst, Harkness, Brees, Cheng & Imhoff; renowned for
20 the skilled and compassionate service he provided to his clients,
21 he was a respected member of the legal community and served on the
22 boards of Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas, the Legal Aid
23 Society of Central Texas, and the Austin Young Lawyers Association;
24 moreover, he was president-elect of the Austin chapter of the

1 American Board of Trial Advocates and a member of the boards of
2 directors for the Austin Bar Association and the Texas Trial
3 Lawyers Association; and

4 WHEREAS, Judge Ozmun's involvement in electoral politics
5 included service as a precinct chair and as a member of the finance
6 council for the Travis County Democratic Party, and he was the
7 organization's party chair from 2000 to 2004; nonetheless, he had
8 the ability to transcend partisan divisions and counted many
9 Republicans among his friends; and

10 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, he enjoyed the love and
11 support of his wife, Beth, and his daughters, Delaney and Kendall;
12 through the years, he was an avid sports fan, cheering on the
13 Buffalo Bills and the athletic teams of his alma maters, Georgetown
14 and UT; and

15 WHEREAS, Those Texans who give freely of their time and
16 talents to benefit the greater community make the world a better
17 place through their actions and their example, and Scott Ozmun
18 leaves behind a legacy that will resonate for many years to come;
19 now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
21 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Scott Alan Ozmun and
22 extend deepest condolences to the members of his family: to his
23 wife, Beth Collum Ozmun; to his daughters, Delaney Elizabeth Ozmun
24 and Kendall Lynne Ozmun; to his parents, Bob and Peggy Ozmun; to his
25 brother, Randy Ozmun; and to his other relatives and friends; and,
26 be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
2 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Judge
3 Ozmun.