

By: King of Parker

H.R. No. 121

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Don Marshall Chrestman of Weatherford
2 retired as judge of the 43rd District Court on December 31, 2010,
3 and the conclusion of his noteworthy tenure provides a fitting
4 opportunity to recognize him for his myriad achievements; and

5 WHEREAS, In his role with the state district court, Judge
6 Chrestman demonstrated the wisdom and fairness that are the
7 hallmarks of an outstanding jurist, and through his able
8 leadership, he made a lasting impact on the well-being of the
9 citizens of Parker County; and

10 WHEREAS, First elected to the bench in 2000, Judge Chrestman
11 brought a long record of public and community service to his new
12 post; from 1981 to 1987, he served three terms on the Weatherford
13 City Council, which chose him as mayor pro tem; over the years, he
14 also served as chair of the Parker County Purchasing Board, as a
15 member of the Parker County Juvenile Board, and as a member of the
16 boards of the Weatherford Municipal Utility System, Weatherford
17 Chamber of Commerce, Weatherford Industrial Development
18 Foundation, and Weatherford College Development Foundation; and

19 WHEREAS, Don Chrestman earned his bachelor's degree from
20 Baylor University in 1965 and his law degree, also from Baylor, in
21 1970; he began his career in private practice in South Texas, and he
22 worked as counsel to a number of corporations before becoming a
23 partner in the firm of Vick, Chrestman & Carney; he is a former
24 member of the board of directors of the Baylor Bear Foundation and a

1 Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation; and

2 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Don Chrestman enjoys the
3 love and support of his wife, Melinda; valued congregants of
4 Lakeshore Drive Baptist Church, they are the proud parents of Dean
5 Chrestman and his wife, Sarah, Shelley Bracken and her husband,
6 Doug, and Laura Chrestman, and the devoted grandparents of Claire
7 and Andrew Chrestman and Margaret and Matthew Bracken; and

8 WHEREAS, Judge Chrestman's professionalism and commitment to
9 excellence have greatly benefited his fellow Texans, and it is
10 appropriate to take this opportunity to honor him and wish him well
11 as he embarks on the next exciting chapter of his life; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
14 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Don Marshall
15 Chrestman on his retirement as judge of the 43rd District Court and
16 extend to him deep appreciation for his exemplary public service;
17 and, be it further

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