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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Honorable Curt Henderson retired as senior state  
2 district judge for the 219th Judicial District Court in October  
3 2010, concluding a distinguished tenure in office that spanned a  
4 quarter-century; and

5           WHEREAS, The longest-serving state jurist in Collin County  
6 history, Judge Henderson was appointed to the 219th Judicial  
7 District to complete an unexpired term in 1988; at only 35, he was  
8 one of the youngest district judges in Texas; he was later elected a  
9 total of seven times and presided over thousands of civil, family,  
10 and criminal cases, earning a reputation for diligence and  
11 integrity; and

12           WHEREAS, Judge Henderson played a key role in the creation of  
13 the For Kids' Sake program, and he has served on the advisory board  
14 of CASA of Collin County; moreover, he has worked diligently to  
15 encourage area lawyers to provide services to low-income Texans in  
16 need of legal advice; he benefited his profession as chair of the  
17 State Bar of Texas Computer and Technology Committee and advocated  
18 powerfully for the use of technology to improve court services; and

19           WHEREAS, In 2001, Judge Henderson received the Voice for  
20 Children Award from CASA of Collin County; his many accolades also  
21 include the Equal Justice Award from Legal Services of North Texas,  
22 the Atticus Finch Award from Collin County Legal Aid of Northwest  
23 Texas, and the Lifetime Achievement in Technology Award from the  
24 Computer and Technology Section of the State Bar of Texas; and

1           WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan graduated from Texas A&M  
2 University and Baylor University Law School; board certified in  
3 criminal law, he served as an assistant criminal district attorney  
4 in Collin County from 1979 to 1986; Judge Henderson was then  
5 appointed as a Collin County court judge, and, in addition to his  
6 regular duties, he was designated as presiding judge in Probate  
7 Court and Mental Court; after joining the 219th Judicial District,  
8 Judge Henderson was appointed to the Collin County Bail Bond Board  
9 and served as vice chair; and

10           WHEREAS, A fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, Judge  
11 Henderson is also a fellow of the Collin County Bench Bar Foundation  
12 and has served that organization in numerous leadership roles;  
13 since his retirement, Judge Henderson has continued to serve the  
14 judicial system as a senior district judge and a mediator and  
15 arbitrator; and

16           WHEREAS, Judge Henderson has served the State of Texas with  
17 great skill and dedication, earning the lasting respect of all who  
18 were privileged to work with him, and his myriad good works have  
19 made a lasting, positive difference in his community; now,  
20 therefore, be it

21           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
22 Legislature hereby congratulate Judge Curt B. Henderson on his  
23 retirement as senior state district judge for the 219th Judicial  
24 District Court and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future;  
25 and, be it further

26           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
27 prepared for Judge Henderson as an expression of high regard by the

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1 Texas House of Representatives.