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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Joel C. Clouser, Sr., 2 distinguished himself throughout his service as justice of the peace of Precinct 2 in Fort Bend County, and his work in behalf of 3 his fellow citizens is indeed deserving of recognition; and 4 5 WHEREAS, Since taking office as justice of the peace on January 1, 1993, Judge Clouser has established and directed the 6 7 YMCA Teen Court program, which allows young people to volunteer to serve as attorneys, bailiffs, jurors, and clerks for their peers 8 who have been charged with Class C misdemeanors while at school; 9 under his skilled direction, participants in Justice Court 2 have 10 11 won first place in several mock trial competitions throughout the 12 state; in addition, he uses innovative alternative sentencing programs in his courtroom that benefit youth development, and he 13 14 regularly speaks at area schools and collaborates with education administrators to reduce truancy problems; and 15 16 WHEREAS, Judge Clouser is active in the greater community as well; he is a chaplain in the Tidelands chapter of the A. Philip 17 Randolph Institute, a labor and civil rights organization, and he 18 has served on the boards of directors of the Fort Bend Family YMCA 19 and the World Youth Foundation; he has also shared his time and 20 21 talents as president of both the Missouri City NAACP and the Chasewood Civic Club, as a voter precinct chair, and as a member of 22 23 the Fort Bend County Bail Bond Board and a local flood control 24 district board; and

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- 1 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, this esteemed Texan enjoys
- 2 the love and support of his wife, Gloria, his children, and the
- 3 other members of his family; and
- WHEREAS, Through his commitment and leadership, Joel Clouser
- 5 is helping to make Fort Bend County an even better place in which to
- 6 live and work, and he may take justifiable pride in his
- 7 achievements; now, therefore, be it
- 8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
- 9 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Joel C. Clouser, Sr.,
- 10 on his 18 years of service as justice of the peace of Precinct 2 in
- 11 Fort Bend County and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
- 12 success; and, be it further
- 13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 14 prepared for Judge Clouser as an expression of high regard by the
- 15 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1861 was adopted by the House on May $19,\ 2011,\ \mbox{by a non-record vote.}$

Chief Clerk of the House