

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 482

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to pay tribute to Bob Wessels, who is retiring from his service as court manager for the Harris County Courts at Law, a position he has held since 1976; and

WHEREAS, As court manager, he has been responsible for the 15 county criminal courts at law and four county civil courts at law, and he has served as a source of administrative support to the 16 justices of the peace courts in Harris County; in addition, he has served as an adjunct professor at the University of Houston-Clear Lake, Sam Houston State University, the Institute for Court Management, and the Texas College for New Judges; and

WHEREAS, He is a founding member of the Texas Association for Court Administration and has served as a member of the board of directors of the Justice Management Institute and of the National Center for State Courts; and

WHEREAS, In 1981, he was chosen to receive the Justice Charles W. Barrow award, an honor conferred upon him by his peers for his contributions to Texas trial court management; he received the National Center for State Courts' Distinguished Service Award in 2003, and in 2007, he received the Chair's Award of Excellence, Judicial Section, State Bar of Texas; and

WHEREAS, His duties have included overseeing case flow management, budgets, staff training, and policy development and evaluation; throughout his career, he has consistently upheld the highest standards of his profession and has handled his far-reaching responsibilities with the utmost skill and prudence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend Bob Wessels for his outstanding service as court manager of the Harris County Courts at Law and extend to him best wishes for the retirement years ahead; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Whitmire

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 14, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate