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H.R. No. 121

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Judge Tom Lawrence is retiring as Harris County
2 Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4, Place 2, in 2014, when he will be
3 concluding an outstanding tenure that has spanned three decades;
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5 WHEREAS, Judge Lawrence took office on January 1, 1983, and
6 was subsequently reelected seven times; he has twice served as
7 presiding judge of the Harris County Justice of the Peace Court, and
8 in 1991, he established one of Harris County's first teen courts;
9 through the years, he has taken a keen interest in the justice court
10 system, and he has been instrumental in the passage of various laws
11 to enhance its effectiveness; and

12 WHEREAS, Admired for his insight and expertise, Judge
13 Lawrence has been twice appointed by the Supreme Court of Texas to
14 the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, and he served as chair of
15 that body from 1996 to 1997; moreover, he was named to serve on the
16 Supreme Court Advisory Committee in 1999, and he continued in that
17 capacity for more than a decade; he has further contributed to the
18 work of the Supreme Court of Texas as a member of four task forces;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Judge Lawrence earned his bachelor's degree in
21 political science from Chapman University and was then commissioned
22 as an officer in the U.S. Coast Guard; after serving his country for
23 four years, he obtained a law degree from South Texas College of
24 Law, and he later became certified as a civil mediator by the

1 National Judicial College; he is a member of numerous bar
2 associations and a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation; and

3 WHEREAS, Involved in his community as well, this esteemed
4 Texan has contributed to the Flaming Arrow District of the Boy
5 Scouts of America Sam Houston Area Council, the Houston Northwest
6 Chamber of Commerce, and the North Harris Montgomery Community
7 College Foundation; in addition, he has served as president of the
8 Sons of the American Revolution Paul Carrington Chapter and as
9 chancellor general of the national organization; and

10 WHEREAS, Tom Lawrence has greatly benefited his fellow Texans
11 through his dedication and commitment to excellence, and he may
12 indeed reflect with pride on his record of achievement as he embarks
13 on the next exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
15 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby commend Judge Tom Lawrence
16 on his service as Harris County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4,
17 Place 2, and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and,
18 be it further

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