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R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, Municipal courts provide citizens of the Lone Star
2 State with a local forum where questions of law and fact can be
3 resolved in regard to alleged violations of state law and municipal
4 ordinances; and
5   WHEREAS, Because citizens come into contact with municipal
6 courts more than any other courts, the public impression of the
7 Texas judicial system is largely dependent on their experience
8 there; and
9   WHEREAS, Judges of the municipal courts function also as
10 magistrates for the State of Texas, and in that role they perform
11 such duties as issuing search and arrest warrants, giving
12 magistrate warnings, and setting bail for offenses ranging from
13 petty theft to murder; and
14   WHEREAS, Pledging to be impartial and to conform to the
15 standards set by the Canons of Judicial Conduct, the estimated
16 6,000 employees of municipal courts work diligently to ensure the
17 fair administration of justice while upholding the rigorous
18 standards of professionalism; and
19   WHEREAS, Municipal judges, clerks, court administrators,
20 bailiffs, and warrant officers continually strive to improve the
21 administration of justice through participation in judicial
22 education programs, seminars, workshops, and the annual meetings of
23 their state and local professional organizations; and
24   WHEREAS, Municipal courts in Texas play a vital role in

1 preserving public safety, protecting the quality of life for area

2 residents, and deterring future criminal behavior, and it is indeed

3 fitting to recognize municipal judges and court support personnel

4 for their exemplary dedication to the communities they serve; now,

5 therefore, be it

6   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas

7 Legislature hereby recognize November 3-7, 2014, as Municipal

8 Courts Week and take special note of the important work performed by

9 all those associated with the state's municipal courts.