

By: Moody

H.R. No. 1631

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Ann Crawford McClure, chief justice of the Eighth  
2 Court of Appeals, has been named the recipient of the 2013 BRAVO  
3 Award by the League of Women Voters of El Paso; and

4 WHEREAS, In selecting Chief Justice McClure, the league cited  
5 her unwavering dedication to justice, her support for humanitarian  
6 efforts, and her allegiance to the principles of charity and  
7 goodwill that define the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, of  
8 which she is a commissioned member; and

9 WHEREAS, Ann McClure graduated magna cum laude from Texas  
10 Christian University and went on to complete her law degree at the  
11 University of Houston Law Center in 1979; she joined a prominent  
12 family firm in Houston and in 1983 opened a solo practice in  
13 appellate law in El Paso; gaining board certification in family law  
14 and civil appellate law, she eventually merged practices with her  
15 husband, David, into the partnership of McClure & McClure; she  
16 maintained her statewide appellate practice until 1994, when she  
17 was elected to the Eighth Court of Appeals, and in October 2011, she  
18 became the first female chief justice in the court's 100-year  
19 history; and

20 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to continuing legal education,  
21 Chief Justice McClure lectures frequently in the areas of appellate  
22 practice, family law, evidence, ethics, and women's issues, and she  
23 has authored numerous articles; she was appointed to the Texas  
24 Board of Law Examiners by the Supreme Court of Texas in 1991, and

1 she was one of the original members of the Texas Board of  
2 Disciplinary Appeals; she has also served on the Texas Family Law  
3 Specialization Exam Commission and the Texas Civil Appellate Law  
4 Advisory Commission and has chaired the State Bar of Texas  
5 Appellate Section, the Family Law Section, and the Appellate  
6 Division of the Judicial Section; and

7       WHEREAS, This distinguished jurist serves as an editorial  
8 consultant to Matthew Bender's *Texas Family Law Practice and*  
9 *Procedure*, and she has been a contributing editor of *The Family Law*  
10 *Forum*, *The Family Law Section Report*, and other publications; in  
11 addition, she has been the president of both the El Paso and  
12 Trans-Pecos Bar Associations, and she has served on the Governor's  
13 Task Force on Indigent Defense; and

14       WHEREAS, Over the years, Chief Justice McClure has received a  
15 host of accolades, among them the Civil Rights Award from the El  
16 Paso Branch of the NAACP, the Distinguished Alumnus Award from  
17 Texas Christian University, and the Presidential Certificate of  
18 Merit from the directors and past presidents of the State Bar of  
19 Texas; she was named 2006 Judge of the Year by the El Paso Chapter of  
20 the Mexican American Bar Association, 2005 Samuel Pessarra  
21 Outstanding Jurist by the Texas Bar Foundation, and 2004 Jurist of  
22 the Year by the Texas Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial  
23 Lawyers; and

24       WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Chief Justice McClure is  
25 supported by the love and encouragement of her husband and their two  
26 children, Kinsey and Scott; and

27       WHEREAS, Chief Justice McClure exemplifies the highest

1 standards of her profession, and she has contributed significantly  
2 to jurisprudence in the Lone Star State, earning the respect and  
3 appreciation of her colleagues and her fellow citizens alike; now,  
4 therefore, be it

5         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Chief Justice Ann Crawford McClure  
7 on her receipt of the 2013 BRAVO Award from the League of Women  
8 Voters of El Paso and extend to her sincere best wishes for  
9 continued success in her important work; and, be it further

10         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for Chief Justice McClure as an expression of high regard  
12 by the Texas House of Representatives.