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H.R. No. 1836

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Judge Herman Paul Pressler III of Houston, a former
2 state representative, state district court judge, and appellate
3 court justice, has commendably served his fellow citizens
4 throughout his career in public office; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Houston in 1930, Paul Pressler graduated
6 from high school at Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire and
7 went on to attend Princeton University; on graduating cum laude in
8 1952, he was commissioned in the U.S. Navy; and

9 WHEREAS, He pursued a degree in law and in 1957 was awarded
10 his juris doctorate from The University of Texas; while a student,
11 he successfully ran for a seat in the Texas Legislature,
12 representing the whole of Harris County; during his term of office,
13 he worked to develop policy on such diverse issues as banks,
14 industrial safety, insurance, corporations, and public land
15 management; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1958, Mr. Pressler was hired by the Houston-based
17 law firm of Vinson & Elkins LLP, where he practiced for more than a
18 decade before being named judge of the 133rd State District Court by
19 Governor Preston Smith; his well-earned standing with the public
20 saw him through several reelections, and in 1978, Governor Dolph
21 Briscoe appointed him to the court of appeals; he retired as justice
22 of the Fourteenth Appellate District in 1992, after completing his
23 third term, and then worked as a partner in the firm of Woodfill &
24 Pressler for nearly two decades; he also served as a Texas delegate

1 to the electoral college in 2008; and

2 WHEREAS, A man of faith, Judge Pressler has been first vice
3 president, vice chair of the executive committee, and a member of
4 the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention;
5 other groups that have benefited from his leadership and insight
6 are the Liberty Institute, Coalitions for America, the Council for
7 National Policy, and International Students, Inc.; and

8 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan's engagement in civic affairs
9 has won him numerous accolades, including the Faith in God Medal of
10 Honor from the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Ronald
11 Reagan Lifetime Achievement Award from the Council for National
12 Policy, and the Republican Pioneer Award from the Harris County
13 Republican Party; moreover, he is the namesake and inaugural
14 recipient of the Paul Pressler Distinguished Service Award, which
15 is annually conferred by the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Judge Pressler exchanged vows in 1959 with the
18 former Nancy Avery, with whom he has shared more than five decades
19 of marriage; they are the proud parents of three children, Jean,
20 Anne, and Paul, and have been delighted to welcome into their family
21 seven grandchildren; he has been active in the congregation of
22 Second Baptist Church in Houston, which he has served as a deacon;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Guided by steadfast principles and an earnest
25 dedication to his work, Judge Paul Pressler has made contributions
26 to his state and nation that will continue to resonate for many
27 years to come; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
2 Legislature hereby honor Judge Herman Paul Pressler III for his
3 outstanding public service and extend to him sincere best wishes
4 for continued happiness; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for Judge Pressler as an expression of high regard by the
7 Texas House of Representatives.