

1-1 By: West S.C.R. No. 21
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 4, 2013; March 12, 2013, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Administration;
 1-4 March 25, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6,
 1-5 Nays 0; March 25, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, Municipal courts provide citizens of the Lone Star
 1-17 State with a local forum where questions of law and fact can be
 1-18 resolved in regard to alleged violations of state law and municipal
 1-19 ordinances; and

1-20 WHEREAS, Because citizens come into contact with municipal
 1-21 courts more than any other courts, the public impression of the
 1-22 Texas judicial system is largely dependent on their experience
 1-23 there; and

1-24 WHEREAS, Judges of the municipal courts function also as
 1-25 magistrates for the State of Texas, and in that role they perform
 1-26 such duties as issuing search and arrest warrants, giving
 1-27 magistrate warnings, and setting bail for offenses ranging from
 1-28 petty theft to murder; and

1-29 WHEREAS, Pledging to be impartial and to conform to the
 1-30 standards set by the Canons of Judicial Conduct, the estimated
 1-31 6,000 employees of municipal courts work diligently to ensure the
 1-32 fair administration of justice while upholding the rigorous
 1-33 standards of professionalism; and

1-34 WHEREAS, Municipal judges, clerks, court administrators,
 1-35 bailiffs, and warrant officers continually strive to improve the
 1-36 administration of justice through participation in judicial
 1-37 education programs, seminars, workshops, and the annual meetings of
 1-38 their state and local professional organizations; and

1-39 WHEREAS, Municipal courts in Texas play a vital role in
 1-40 preserving public safety, protecting the quality of life for area
 1-41 residents, and deterring future criminal behavior, and it is indeed
 1-42 fitting to recognize municipal judges and support personnel for
 1-43 their exemplary dedication to the communities they serve; now,
 1-44 therefore, be it

1-45 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Texas Legislature hereby recognize
 1-46 November 4-8, 2013, and November 3-7, 2014, as Municipal Courts
 1-47 Week and take special note of the important work performed by all
 1-48 those associated with the state's municipal courts.

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