

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 849

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Judge Brian L. Owsley on the occasion of his retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Owsley has served as Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas since May 9, 2005; he had previously served as an appellate attorney with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, an attorney in private practice at the law firm of Ross, Dixon, and Bell in Washington, D.C., and a trial attorney for the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice; and

**WHEREAS**, Over the course of his career with the United States District Court, he has adjudicated a wide variety of civil cases and reviewed numerous writs of habeas corpus and social security disability appeals; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Owsley has shared his considerable expertise with others in the legal field as a member of a number of professional organizations; he is a member of several bar associations and is a Fellow of the Southern Poverty Law Center and of Human Rights Watch; and

**WHEREAS**, An exemplary public servant, he is respected and admired by his colleagues, and his presence on the bench of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend Judge Brian L. Owsley on his commitment to justice and to upholding the highest of standards while serving as an attorney and as a magistrate judge and extend to him best wishes for continued success in all his endeavors; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 8, 2013.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate