

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1004

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Rod Nelson on the occasion of his retirement from Texas RioGrande Legal Aid; and

**WHEREAS**, Rod Nelson has worked as a legal services attorney for more than 35 years, serving as a staff attorney, managing attorney, and attorney coordinator for the evening legal clinics conducted by Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas and Texas RioGrande Legal Aid; and

**WHEREAS**, A 1975 honors graduate of The University of Texas School of Law, he has concentrated his practice on consumer law and has developed a reputation among his peers as an extremely competent advocate with impressive skills and an uncommon ability to think logically through complex legal problems; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Nelson is a firm believer in the importance of ensuring that low-income citizens have access to competent legal representation; his work at the evening legal clinics has had a substantial impact on achieving this goal; the clinics have had outstanding success in Travis County, with more than 20,000 individuals receiving free legal advice; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Nelson has served as a mentor to countless young attorneys and paralegal professionals, for whom his attention to detail and enthusiasm for pro bono work has served as an inspiration; he is truly deserving of recognition for his dedication and his many achievements; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend Rod Nelson on his unwavering commitment to equal justice and to providing low-income citizens with legal representation 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 high regard 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 17, 2013.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate