

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, April 13, 2015, is Texas Female Judges Day at the
2 State Capitol, and this occasion provides a fitting opportunity to
3 celebrate the achievements of female judges, past and present, who
4 have served in the State of Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, Women judges in Texas have a storied history dating
6 back to 1925, when Governor Pat Neff appointed three women,
7 Hortense Sparks Ward, Hattie Leah Henenberg, and Ruth Virginia
8 Brazzil, to preside as Texas Supreme Court justices over a case from
9 which all of the current justices on the court had recused
10 themselves; and

11 WHEREAS, The case involved a fraternal organization that had
12 so many prominent members that no qualified male judges or
13 attorneys could be found to take their place who did not have a
14 conflict of interest; the women appointed to hear the matter were
15 all well-established attorneys, and those pioneering jurists
16 formed the first court in the nation composed entirely of women; and

17 WHEREAS, The first woman to hold a permanent position on a
18 Texas bench was Sarah Tilghman Hughes, a highly esteemed state
19 representative who was named to the 14th District Court in Dallas by
20 Governor James Allred in 1935; Judge Hughes went on to win election
21 to the seat for a full term and was returned to office for six
22 additional terms; in 1961, she earned further renown by becoming
23 the first woman to be sworn in as a federal district judge in Texas;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, Since that time, numerous women have served with
2 distinction on the Supreme Court of Texas and the Court of Criminal
3 Appeals; and

4 WHEREAS, Today, more than 1,000 women preside over courts
5 throughout the state; they exemplify the highest standards of
6 judicial conduct, and their dedication to public service is truly
7 an inspiration to us all; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
9 Legislature hereby recognize April 13, 2015, as Texas Female Judges
10 Day at the State Capitol and commend the women judges of Texas for
11 their immeasurable contributions to the Lone Star State.

Thompson of Harris

Straus	González	Paddie
Allen	Guerra	Parker
Alonzo	Guillen	Paul
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Peña
Anchia	Harless	Phelan
Anderson of Dallas	Hernandez	Phillips
Anderson of McLennan	Herrero	Pickett
Ashby	Howard	Price
Aycock	Huberty	Raney
Bell	Hughes	Raymond
Bernal	Hunter	Reynolds
Blanco	Isaac	Riddle
Bohac	Israel	Rinaldi
Bonnen of Brazoria	Johnson	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Kacal	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Keffer	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Keough	Rose
Burrows	King of Hemphill	Sanford
Button	King of Parker	Schaefer
Canales	King of Taylor	Schofield
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Schubert
Clardy	Klick	Shaheen
Coleman	Koop	Sheets
Collier	Krause	Sheffield
Cook	Kuempel	Simmons
Craddick	Landgraf	Simpson
Crownover	Larson	Smith
Cyrier	Laubenberg	Smithee
Dale	Leach	Spitzer
Darby	Longoria	Springer
Davis of Dallas	Lozano	Stephenson
Davis of Harris	Lucio III	Stickland
Deshotel	Márquez	Thompson of Brazoria
Dukes	Martinez	Thompson of Harris
Dutton	Martinez Fischer	Tinderholt
Elkins	McClendon	Turner of Collin
Faircloth	Metcalf	Turner of Harris
Fallon	Meyer	Turner of Tarrant
Farias	Miles	VanDeaver
Farney	Miller of Comal	Villalba
Farrar	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Fletcher	Moody	Walle
Flynn	Morrison	White of Bell
Frank	Muñoz, Jr.	White of Tyler
Frullo	Murphy	Workman
Galindo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Naishtat	Wu
Giddings	Nevárez	Zedler
Goldman	Oliveira	Zerwas
Gonzales	Otto	

H.R. No. 1907

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1907 was adopted by the House on April 13, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House