

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Honorable John Payton has distinguished himself  
2 as justice of the peace of Precinct 3, Place 2, in Collin County for  
3 more than a quarter-century, and his work in behalf of his fellow  
4 citizens is truly deserving of recognition; and

5           WHEREAS, John Payton ran his first campaign for Collin County  
6 justice of the peace at the age of 18, while a senior at Plano East  
7 Senior High School; despite his youth, he secured 52 percent of the  
8 vote in the 1990 Republican primary race, defeating his incumbent  
9 opponent and eventually winning the general election; his victory  
10 received national attention from media outlets, earning him a spot  
11 in the *Guinness Book of World Records* as the world's youngest judge  
12 and an invitation to appear on *Late Night with David Letterman*; and

13           WHEREAS, Over the course of his six terms as justice of the  
14 peace, Judge Payton has worked diligently to curb truancy in local  
15 schools; he has offered stern but encouraging advice to students in  
16 his courtroom, and his work to keep them in school and out of  
17 juvenile detention has garnered him the respect and appreciation of  
18 many parents; and

19           WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan holds an associate's degree from  
20 Collin College, and he has pursued further studies at Dallas  
21 Baptist University; active in his community, Judge Payton  
22 volunteers his time to Habitat for Humanity and often spends his  
23 weekends completing service projects with area youth; and

24           WHEREAS, Through his commitment and leadership, John Payton

1 has made a positive difference in the lives of countless residents  
2 of Collin County, and his dedicated efforts are a continuing source  
3 of inspiration to all who know him; now, therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby commend the Honorable John Payton for his  
6 service as justice of the peace of Precinct 3, Place 2, in Collin  
7 County and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be  
8 it further

9       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for Judge Payton as an expression of high regard by the  
11 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2513

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2513 was adopted by the House on May 31, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House