

By: Reynolds

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable George Carol Hanks Jr. received his
2 judicial commission on April 22, 2015, to serve as a United States
3 district judge of the U.S. District Court, Southern District of
4 Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, Nominated for the post by President Barack Obama,
6 Judge Hanks was confirmed by the U.S. Senate by a unanimous vote on
7 April 20; and

8 WHEREAS, Judge Hanks is a native of Breaux Bridge, Louisiana,
9 and graduated with his bachelor's degree, summa cum laude, from
10 Louisiana State University in 1986; he went on to attain his juris
11 doctorate from Harvard Law School in 1989 and recently furthered
12 his education with his receipt of a master of laws degree in 2014
13 from the Duke University School of Law; and

14 WHEREAS, After beginning his career as a law clerk under the
15 Honorable Sim Lake of the U.S. District Court, Southern District of
16 Texas, George Hanks served as an associate at the law firm of
17 Fulbright & Jaworski from 1991 to 1996 and as a shareholder at
18 Wickliff & Hall, PC, from 1996 to 2000; from 2001 to 2002, he served
19 as district judge for the 157th Civil District Court of Texas, and
20 from 2003 to 2010, he served as a justice on the First Court of
21 Appeals of Texas; in September 2010, he became a U.S. magistrate
22 judge in the Southern District; and

23 WHEREAS, A member of the American Law Institute, Judge Hanks
24 has worked as an adjunct professor at the University of Houston Law

1 Center and as a faculty member of the National Judicial College and
2 National Institute for Trial Advocacy; in addition, he has authored
3 legal publications and lectured at continuing education seminars
4 around the country; he has served on the State Bar Committee on
5 Pattern Jury Charges and on the Texas Judicial Panel for
6 Multi-District Litigation, as well as on the board of directors of
7 the Judicial Section of the State Bar of Texas; and

8 WHEREAS, This prominent jurist is admitted to the Texas and
9 District of Columbia bars, and he holds memberships in the College
10 of the State Bar of Texas, the Houston Lawyers Association, and
11 numerous bar associations; moreover, he is a former special
12 disciplinary counsel for the Texas State Bar Commission for Lawyer
13 Discipline as well as a former chair and member of the District 4F
14 State Bar Grievance Committee in Houston; he has also volunteered
15 his time with a range of community organizations that include the
16 American Red Cross and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Houston; and

17 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Judge Hanks has demonstrated
18 an unwavering commitment to the highest standards of public
19 service, and he may indeed reflect with pride on his achievements as
20 he takes on his challenging new role; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
22 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable George Carol Hanks
23 Jr. on his appointment as a U.S. district judge for the Southern
24 District of Texas and extend to him sincere best wishes for a
25 productive and rewarding tenure; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
27 prepared for Judge Hanks as an expression of high regard by the

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1 Texas House of Representatives.