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H.R. No. 2554

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Alfred H. Bennett was nominated as
2 United States district judge for the Houston Division of the
3 Southern District of Texas by President Barack Obama, and his
4 appointment was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on April 13, 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, From 2009 until his confirmation, Judge Bennett
6 served as presiding judge for the 61st Civil District Court of
7 Texas; he also served as the administrative judge for the Harris
8 County Civil District Courts in 2010-2011, having been elected
9 unanimously by his colleagues as the first African American, first
10 Democrat, and youngest-tenured judge to hold that position; and

11 WHEREAS, Judge Bennett completed his bachelor's degree in
12 political science at the University of Houston and went on to
13 graduate from The University of Texas School of Law in 1991; he was
14 employed by Fulbright and Jaworski and then by Solar and Fernandes
15 before establishing a solo litigation practice in 1998; for 10
16 years, he taught trial advocacy as an adjunct professor at the
17 Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University; and

18 WHEREAS, Dedicated to the advancement of the legal system,
19 Judge Bennett is very involved in continuing legal education as a
20 presenter and judicial panel member, and he has benefited his
21 profession in a host of leadership roles; he currently serves the
22 State Bar of Texas as commissioner of the Texas Access to Justice
23 Commission and as chair of its Strategic Planning Committee, and he
24 is a member of the College of the State Bar; in addition, he is a

1 member of the Houston Bar Association Administration of Justice
2 Committee and of the National Bar Association Gertrude E. Rush
3 Mid-Year Planning Committee; he served on the National Bar
4 Association Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and he held several
5 offices in the State Bar Committee on Lawyer Referral and
6 Information Services; moreover, he served the Houston Lawyers
7 Association as president and chair; and

8 WHEREAS, Alfred Bennett has distinguished himself on the
9 bench and through his outstanding contributions to the legal
10 community, and he is indeed deserving of the confidence placed in
11 him by the United States president and senate; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Alfred H. Bennett on
14 his appointment and confirmation as United States district judge
15 for the Houston Division of the Southern District of Texas and
16 extend to him sincere best wishes as he takes up his new
17 responsibilities; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Judge Bennett as an expression of high regard by the
20 Texas House of Representatives.