

By: Morrison

H.R. No. 807

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of a distinguished jurist drew to a close
2 with the passing of the Honorable Robert C. Cheshire of Victoria on
3 February 20, 2017, at the age of 64; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on December 30, 1952, Robert Cheshire was the
5 son of Marvin and Nadine Yearta Cheshire; he graduated from
6 Victoria High School in 1970, and he earned his bachelor's degree in
7 history from The University of Texas at Austin in 1972, at the age
8 of 19; in 1977, he received his doctor of jurisprudence degree with
9 honors from the University of Houston Law School, and he
10 subsequently worked for 10 years as an attorney in private
11 practice; and

12 WHEREAS, Robert Cheshire was appointed by Governor Bill
13 Clements to preside over the newly created 377th District Court in
14 Victoria in 1989; during his 25 years on the bench, he established a
15 reputation for integrity and impartiality, and he was noted for his
16 tireless work ethic; a lifelong student of the law, he enjoyed
17 researching opinions from state and federal courts, and his
18 colleagues in the legal profession frequently sought his advice and
19 mentorship; and

20 WHEREAS, Selfless in his commitment to others, Judge Cheshire
21 volunteered his time with the Victoria Jaycees and the Rotary Club
22 and also served as superintendent of the Victoria Livestock Show;
23 after retiring in 2014, he elected to take senior judge status and
24 continued hearing cases in the Victoria area and other South Texas

1 counties; and

2 WHEREAS, This devoted family man enjoyed the love and support
3 of his wife, Debbie, with whom he shared more than 40 years, and he
4 took great pride in their children, Shauna and Chad, and their
5 granddaughters, Audrey and Katie; he and his wife took pleasure in
6 traveling the country to see their favorite bands, and he was also
7 fond of spending time at Lake Conroe; and

8 WHEREAS, Admired for his wisdom, compassion, and dedication,
9 Robert Cheshire leaves behind a record of service that will long
10 resonate in Victoria County and beyond; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Judge Robert
13 C. Cheshire and extend sincere sympathy to his relatives and
14 friends; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Robert
18 Cheshire.