

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 120

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Seana Beckerman Willing, who is retiring as executive director of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct after 18 years of distinguished service with the organization; and

WHEREAS, Seana Willing began her career with the commission in 1999, when she was hired to serve as commission counsel, and two years later, she was promoted to general counsel; she is retiring as executive director of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct after 13 years of leadership; and

WHEREAS, As executive director, she guided all activities of the agency related to the investigation and the discipline of state judges accused of judicial misconduct; she developed important internal systems to help manage the agency's fiscal planning and the agency's personnel and administration; she also served as the primary liaison to the Texas Legislature, the Office of the Governor, and the Texas Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, Seana Willing is a recognized expert in the field of judicial ethics and discipline who has lectured at numerous professional institutions and universities around the world, and she has twice been recognized for excellence by *Texas Lawyer*; in 2006, she assisted the Government of Paraguay in creating the country's Judicial Disciplinary Regulatory System; and

WHEREAS, Seana Willing has implemented wide-ranging and innovative policy and procedural changes at the State Commission on Judicial Conduct; her work has helped the agency to better achieve its goals and ensure that the highest standards in judicial ethics are sustained long into the future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend Seana Beckerman Willing for her many contributions to the justice system in Texas and extend to her best wishes in all her future endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Watson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on February 6, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate