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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Municipal courts provide the citizens of the Lone
2 Star State with a local forum where questions of law and fact can be
3 resolved in regard to alleged violations of state law and municipal
4 ordinances; and

5 WHEREAS, Because citizens come into contact with municipal
6 courts more often than any other type of court, the administration
7 of justice at the municipal level plays a large part in influencing
8 the public's overall impression of the Texas judicial system; and

9 WHEREAS, Judges of the municipal courts function also as
10 magistrates for the State of Texas, and in that role they perform
11 such duties as issuing search and arrest warrants, giving
12 magistrate warnings, and setting bail for offenses ranging from
13 petty theft to murder; and

14 WHEREAS, Pledging to be impartial and to conform to the
15 standards set by the Canons of Judicial Conduct, our state's
16 municipal court employees work diligently to ensure the fair
17 administration of justice while upholding the rigorous standards of
18 professionalism; and

19 WHEREAS, In addition to judges, municipal courts are staffed
20 by clerks, court administrators, prosecutors, juvenile case
21 managers, bailiffs, and warrant officers; these dedicated
22 individuals continually strive to improve court operations by
23 participating in judicial education programs, seminars, workshops,
24 and the annual meetings of their state and local professional

1 organizations; and

2 WHEREAS, Municipal courts in Texas play a vital role in
3 preserving public safety, protecting the quality of life for area
4 residents, and deterring future criminal behavior, and it is indeed
5 fitting to recognize municipal judges and court support personnel
6 for their exemplary dedication to the communities they serve; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
9 Legislature hereby recognize the first week of November in 2019 and
10 2020 as Municipal Courts Week and commend all those associated with
11 the state's municipal courts for their essential contributions.