

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 493

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Jim R. Wright for his 40 years of exceptional contributions to the state's justice system; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim R. Wright is chief justice of the Eleventh Court of Appeals of Texas; he was appointed to the appellate court in 1995 by Governor George W. Bush and was named its chief justice by Governor Rick Perry in 2005, succeeding his longtime friend and mentor, former Chief Justice Austin McCloud; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Justice Wright is a native of West Texas and an Order of the Coif graduate of the Texas Tech University School of Law; he began his distinguished 40-year career on the bench in 1979, when Governor Bill Clements appointed him to the 91st District Court; and

**WHEREAS**, Philosophically a strict constructionist, he is known for his meticulous preparation for cases and his genuine passion for his work; he has been active in a number of professional and civic organizations, including the Texas Bar Foundation and the Eastland Independent School District board of trustees, and he also serves as the pastor of First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ in Eastland; and

**WHEREAS**, An exemplary jurist, Chief Justice Wright is respected and admired by his colleagues for his fairness and impartiality, his thorough knowledge of the law, and his passion for serving the public good; it is truly fitting that he receive special recognition; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby commend Chief Justice Jim R. Wright on his many contributions to the justice system in our state and extend to him best wishes for continued success in all his endeavors; and, be it further

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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on March 26, 2019.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate