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S.R. No. 49

SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, David W. Slayton is stepping down as administrative director of the Office of Court Administration on August 31, 2021, drawing to a close a distinguished career serving the people of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Since May, 2012, David Slayton has served at the helm of OCA and as executive director of the Texas Judicial Council, the policy-making body for the state judiciary; representing the judiciary before the Texas Legislature, the governor, and other executive branch agencies, Mr. Slayton has played a vital role in increasing access to justice for countless Texans, including the state's most vulnerable residents; his efforts have proven especially crucial in helping courts navigate such crises as natural disasters, the COVID-19 pandemic, and cyberattacks; and

WHEREAS, From 2004 to 2012 Mr. Slayton worked as director of court administration for the Lubbock County Administrative Office of the Courts; he previously served as court services supervisor for the U.S. District Court in Dallas, as an intake and docket clerk for the U.S. District Court in Lubbock, and as district court coordinator for the 99th Judicial District Court in Lubbock County, where he began his career in 1998 as a deputy district clerk; he is set to begin his new job as vice president of court consulting services for the National Center for State

Courts (NCSC); and

WHEREAS, Widely respected by his peers, Mr. Slayton co-chairs the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) and the Joint Technology Committee of the National Association for Court Management (NACM), which he previously served as president; he received the Distinguished Service Award from NCSC and the Mary C. McQueen Award from the Conference of Chief Justices, COSCA, NACM, and the National Association for Presiding Judges and Court Executive Officers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Slayton holds a political science degree from Texas Tech University and a master's degree in public administration from Troy University; and

WHEREAS, David Slayton's skill, dedication, and professionalism have greatly benefited his fellow citizens, and he may reflect with pride on his many contributions and accomplishments as he embarks on the next exciting chapter of his career; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 87th Texas Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend and thank David W. Slayton for his outstanding service as administrative director of the Office of Court Administration and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Mr. Slayton as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.