

By: Cole

H.R. No. 58

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Lora Livingston, presiding judge of
2 the 261st District Court, has been named the recipient of the 2021
3 Jurisprudence Award from the Anti-Defamation League in Austin; and

4 WHEREAS, A 1982 graduate of the University of California, Los
5 Angeles, Judge Livingston began her career working with the Legal
6 Aid Society of Central Texas; after continuing in poverty law for
7 several years, she went into private practice, and in 1993, she and
8 Gail Parr formed their own law firm, Livingston & Parr, where she
9 focused on civil litigation and family law; and

10 WHEREAS, Judge Livingston became the first African American
11 woman on the bench in the Travis County District Courts when she was
12 sworn in as an associate judge in 1995; she went on to become the
13 presiding judge of the 261st District Court in 1999; in addition to
14 fulfilling these duties, she has served as the local administrative
15 judge for the Travis County Courts; and

16 WHEREAS, Active in her community, Judge Livingston has given
17 generously of her time and talents to the boards of such
18 organizations as the Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders,
19 the Austin Symphony Orchestra, the Austin Area Urban League, and El
20 Buen Samaritano; she is also a graduate of Leadership Austin; over
21 the years, she has received numerous accolades recognizing her
22 professional and civic accomplishments, including the Community
23 Service Award from the Austin Independent School District, the
24 Outstanding Attorney Award from the Travis County Women Lawyers

1 Association, and the Pro Bono Champion Award from the Texas Access
2 to Justice Commission; and

3 WHEREAS, Through her dedication to the law and to her fellow
4 citizens, Judge Lora Livingston has gained the lasting respect and
5 admiration of her peers, and she is truly deserving of special
6 recognition for her many contributions to the Lone Star State; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Lora Livingston on her receipt of
10 the 2021 Jurisprudence Award from the Anti-Defamation League in
11 Austin and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success
12 with her important work; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Judge Livingston as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.