

By: Israel

H.R. No. 740

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Nicholas Chu, justice of the peace for  
2 Precinct 5 in Travis County, has demonstrated remarkable initiative  
3 and commitment to service during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2017, Judge Nick Chu was elected to office,  
5 becoming the first Asian American justice of the peace in the State  
6 of Texas; after the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, he was  
7 the first judge in Texas to preside over a fully virtual jury trial  
8 and the first in the nation to preside over a fully virtual criminal  
9 jury trial; he serves as chair of the Texas Supreme Court COVID-19  
10 Response Task Force for Justice Courts and as a member of its Remote  
11 Proceedings Task Force; throughout the pandemic, he has been a  
12 leader in protecting renters from eviction and in implementing  
13 appropriate protocols to limit the public's exposure to the  
14 COVID-19 virus, and measures he has developed have been adopted by  
15 courts across Texas; and

16 WHEREAS, The first in his family to become an attorney, Judge  
17 Chu earned his bachelor's degree in government from The University  
18 of Texas and his law degree from Baylor University; he has served on  
19 the executive committee of the American Bar Association National  
20 Conference of Specialized Court Judges and as a faculty member of  
21 the Texas Justice Court Training Center; he has also held many  
22 leadership positions in the Democratic Party in Texas, and he has  
23 been the chair of the Committee on Political Education for the  
24 Central Labor Council; and

1           WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Judge Chu benefits from the  
2 love and support of his wife, Kathryn, and his daughter, Vivia; and

3           WHEREAS, Nick Chu's dedication, integrity, and spirit of  
4 innovation have greatly benefited the citizens of Travis County  
5 during a time of crisis, and he is truly deserving of special  
6 recognition for his impressive efforts; now, therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby commend Judge Nicholas Chu for his service to  
9 Travis County during the COVID-19 pandemic and extend to him  
10 sincere best wishes for continued success in his important work;  
11 and, be it further

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