

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Honorable Patrick Sebesta is retiring from the  
2 239th District Court when his term expires in December 2022,  
3 drawing to a close a notable career on the bench that has spanned  
4 nearly a quarter century; and

5           WHEREAS, Judge Sebesta was first elected to the County Court  
6 at Law No. 2 and Probate of Brazoria County in 1998, and in 2002, he  
7 was elected to the 239th District Court, where he has since presided  
8 over civil and felony criminal cases; over the course of his  
9 exemplary 24-year tenure as a judge, he has played a leading role in  
10 the creation of Brazoria County's first Drug Court program, and  
11 since 2012, he has overseen the Success Through Education and  
12 Participation (STEP) drug court and the Recommit to Recovery  
13 program; he has also served as the local administrative judge and as  
14 a member of the Brazoria County Juvenile Board and the Board of  
15 Criminal Judges of Brazoria County; and

16           WHEREAS, A leader in his profession, Judge Sebesta was chair  
17 of the Judicial Education Committee of the American Probation and  
18 Parole Association, and in 2019, he was appointed by the presiding  
19 judge of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals to serve on the  
20 Judiciary Advisory Council, which provides guidance to the  
21 Community Justice Assistance Division and the Texas Board of  
22 Criminal Justice; and

23           WHEREAS, This distinguished jurist is a member of the State  
24 Bar of Texas and the Brazoria County Bar Association, and he is a

1 Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation; before becoming a judge, he  
2 maintained a private practice in Angleton and served as assistant  
3 district attorney of Brazoria County; and

4 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Judge Sebesta has benefited  
5 from the love and support of his wife of 31 years, Shannon Gayle  
6 Sebesta, as well as that of his five children, Patrick, William,  
7 Christopher, Annabelle, and John; and

8 WHEREAS, Judge Sebesta's dedication, integrity, and  
9 commitment to justice have greatly benefited the citizens of  
10 Brazoria County and earned him the respect and admiration of his  
11 peers, and he may indeed reflect with pride on a career well spent  
12 as he looks forward to the next exciting chapter of his life; now,  
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
15 Legislature hereby congratulate Judge Patrick Sebesta on his  
16 retirement from the 239th District Court and extend to him sincere  
17 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for Judge Sebesta as an expression of high regard by the  
20 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 931

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 931 was adopted by the House on May 8, 2021, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House