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H.R. No. 931

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.