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H.R. No. 1348

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable John Board retired as judge of the
2 181st Judicial District in October 2020, drawing to a close two
3 decades of exemplary service to the citizens of Potter and Randall
4 Counties; and

5 WHEREAS, First appointed to the bench in August 2000 by
6 Governor George W. Bush to fill out the term of the previous judge,
7 John Board was then placed on the ballot by the local Republican
8 Party chairs and elected to the position in November of that year;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, In 2007, Judge Board helped create the
11 Accountability Court to address offenders who violated probation,
12 usually because of problems with drugs or alcohol; in October 2010,
13 he played a vital role in the establishment of a regional drug
14 court, and the success of this program has led to a reduction in
15 recidivism; and

16 WHEREAS, Before his appointment to the court, Judge Board
17 practiced as a litigator; he earned his bachelor's degree and his
18 law degree from the University of Oklahoma, and he was admitted to
19 the State Bar of Texas in 1988; he has also been admitted to
20 practice in Oklahoma and before the Oklahoma Western District
21 Court, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Texas Northern
22 District Court; and

23 WHEREAS, A leader in his field, Judge Board is a past member
24 of the board of directors of the Texas Center for the Judiciary,

1 where he helped promote judicial excellence and professionalism; in
2 April 2014, he was honored by the State Bar of Texas for his
3 contributions to the legal profession; and

4 WHEREAS, John Board's dedication, integrity, and commitment
5 to the law have greatly benefited the work of the 181st Judicial
6 District and earned him the respect and admiration of his peers, and
7 he may indeed reflect with pride on his service as he embarks on the
8 next exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate John Board on his retirement as
11 judge of the 181st Judicial District and extend to him sincere best
12 wishes for the future; and, be it further

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