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H.C.R. No. 14

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Lori Rickert is retiring as presiding
2 judge for Brazoria County Court at Law No. 4 and Probate Court on
3 December 31, 2026, following two decades of dedicated service; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2006, Judge Rickert was elected as the county's
5 first presiding judge for Brazoria County Court at Law No. 4 and
6 Probate Court; she has since won reelection four times, with no
7 primary opponents, and in 2018 easily defeated her sole general
8 election challenger; and

9 WHEREAS, Judge Rickert has presided over a wide range of
10 matters, including felony, criminal misdemeanor, civil, probate,
11 guardianship, and juvenile cases; moreover, she has administered
12 the county's Recovery Court program, which provides personalized,
13 one-on-one support for individuals struggling with addiction as an
14 alternative to traditional probation or incarceration; and

15 WHEREAS, Previously, Judge Rickert served for eight years as
16 an assistant district attorney for Brazoria County; in addition to
17 handling both misdemeanor and felony cases, she represented the
18 State of Texas in child abuse and neglect matters; she earned her
19 bachelor's degree in political science from the University of
20 Houston and went on to graduate from South Texas College of Law in
21 1997; and

22 WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Judge Rickert is supported by
23 the love and encouragement of her husband, John Ontiveros, and
24 their daughters, Alexandria and Gina Ontiveros; she is a proud

1 grandmother and a valued member of Brazos Pointe Fellowship Church
2 in Lake Jackson, where she teaches kindergarten Sunday school; and

3 WHEREAS, Lori Rickert's tenure as a jurist has been
4 characterized by diligence, integrity, and a deep sense of
5 fairness, and she may reflect with pride on the exemplary service
6 she has provided to the residents of Brazoria County; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas,
9 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Lori Rickert on her
10 retirement as presiding judge for Brazoria County Court at Law
11 No. 4 and Probate Court and extend to her sincere best wishes for
12 continued happiness; and, be it further

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