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H.C.R. No. 67

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable David M. Cobos retired as Midland
2 County justice of the peace for Precinct 2 on February 1, 2025,
3 drawing to a close a distinguished 46-year career in the justice
4 system; and

5 WHEREAS, Appointed justice of the peace in 1997 to fill an
6 unexpired term, Judge Cobos won his subsequent elections unopposed;
7 in 1998, he implemented the Justice Court Alternative Sentencing
8 Program/Teen Leadership Program, which was designed to divert
9 juvenile offenders from the criminal justice system and reduce the
10 school dropout rate; the initiative was featured on *ABC World News*
11 *Tonight* and received the Texas Association of Counties Best
12 Practices Innovation Award and the Justice of the Peace and
13 Constables Association Best Practices Award; and

14 WHEREAS, Judge Cobos also worked to make the judicial process
15 more efficient and accessible to the public, overseeing such
16 modernization efforts as the introduction of electronic filing and
17 online payment options for fines; dedicated to his profession, he
18 served JPCA as director of District 4 and chair of the Justice of
19 the Peace Legislative Committee; among numerous other accolades, he
20 received the prestigious JPCA T. A. Vines Award, and he was named
21 the 2004 and 2005 JPCA Judge of the Year and the 2009 West Texas
22 JPCA Judge of the Year; and

23 WHEREAS, A graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, Judge
24 Cobos joined the Midland County Sheriff's Office in 1979 and gained

1 experience as a jailer, patrol officer, and major crimes
2 investigator; he played an instrumental role in the creation of the
3 highly effective Midland Crime Stoppers Program in 1984, and three
4 years later, he was appointed state director of Texas Crime
5 Stoppers; serving in three gubernatorial administrations, he rose
6 to become deputy executive director of the Governor's Criminal
7 Justice Division; and

8 WHEREAS, Over the course of more than four and a half decades,
9 David Cobos demonstrated wisdom, integrity, and a deep commitment
10 to the fair administration of justice, earning the respect and
11 admiration of his colleagues and fellow citizens alike; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas
14 hereby congratulate the Honorable David M. Cobos on his retirement
15 as Midland County justice of the peace for Precinct 2 and extend to
16 him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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