

By: Fairly

H.R. No. 142

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Lanora C. Pettit concluded her service as principal
2 deputy solicitor general of the Office of the Attorney General of
3 Texas on January 24, 2025, and this occasion provides a fitting
4 opportunity to recognize her many outstanding contributions; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Pettit first joined the Office of the Attorney
6 General in July 2019 as assistant solicitor general, and she was
7 promoted to principal deputy solicitor general in May 2021; her
8 responsibilities included representing the state and its agencies
9 and officials in both state and federal court on a variety of
10 topics, and she also handled several matters on behalf of state
11 universities, such as arguing *The University of Texas System v. The*
12 *Franklin Center for Government and Public Integrity and Jon Cassidy*
13 in 2023; an accomplished appellate lawyer, she authored hundreds of
14 briefs and argued more than 40 appeals over the course of her
15 tenure, including numerous cases before the Supreme Court of the
16 United States, the en banc U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth
17 Circuit, and the Texas Supreme Court; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Pettit holds a bachelor's degree in history from
19 the College of William and Mary, and she graduated summa cum laude
20 both from there and from the University of Virginia School of Law;
21 she embarked on her legal career as a clerk for the U.S. Court of
22 Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and she went on to practice at a
23 large law firm in New York for two years and then at a litigation
24 boutique in Washington, D.C., for five years, handling commercial

1 legal proceedings with a focus on securities and bankruptcy law;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The skill, professionalism, and commitment to
4 excellence demonstrated by Lanora Pettit made her an important
5 asset to the Texas attorney general's office, and she may reflect
6 with pride on her accomplishments, knowing that she rendered
7 invaluable service to her colleagues and fellow citizens; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
10 Legislature hereby honor Lanora C. Pettit for her service as
11 principal deputy solicitor general of the Office of the Attorney
12 General of Texas and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
13 success in all her endeavors; and, be it further

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