

109TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 724

Honoring Leonidas Ralph Mecham, Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts and Secretary of the Judicial Conference of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 14, 2006

Mr. SENSENBRENNER (for himself, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. CANNON, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. FEENEY, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, and Mr. COBLE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Honoring Leonidas Ralph Mecham, Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts and Secretary of the Judicial Conference of the United States.

Whereas Ralph Mecham has served under three chief justices for more than 20 years as the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, earning him the distinction of the longest serving director in the agency's history;

Whereas Ralph Mecham has focused on enhancing support to the Judicial Conference;

Whereas Ralph Mecham has worked to secure sufficient resources for the judiciary in tight budget climates;

Whereas Ralph Mecham assisted in the creation of a program to obtain funding for new courthouses to replace aging, unsafe facilities, and to enhance judicial security;

Whereas Ralph Mecham championed innovations that have enhanced court administration by decentralizing financial and management responsibilities, thereby providing more flexibility to district and circuit courts; and

Whereas Ralph Mecham encouraged the development and incorporation into the judicial system of the latest technology, which has resulted in major improvements in court efficiency, presentation of evidence, and access to court records: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) commends Leonidas Ralph Mecham for his
3 steadfast loyalty and unwavering dedication to the
4 judiciary and to the public;

5 (2) recognizes Leonidas Ralph Mecham for his
6 more than 20 years of outstanding public service to
7 the Federal judiciary and to the Nation; and

8 (3) honors Leonidas Ralph Mecham on the oc-
9 casion of his retirement from the Administrative Of-
10 fice of the United States Courts.

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