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H. RES. 512

Honoring and commending the Honorable Wesley E. Brown, United States District Court Judge for the District of Kansas, for his commitment and dedication to public service, the judicial system, and equal access to justice as he celebrates his 100th birthday.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 22, 2007

Mr. TIAHRT submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Honoring and commending the Honorable Wesley E. Brown, United States District Court Judge for the District of Kansas, for his commitment and dedication to public service, the judicial system, and equal access to justice as he celebrates his 100th birthday.

Whereas Wesley E. Brown was born in 1907 in Hutchinson, Kansas, to Julia Elizabeth Wesley Brown and Morrison (Morey) Houston Heady Brown;

Whereas Wesley E. Brown worked his way through law school, taking night classes at the Kansas City School of Law and working during the day on an assembly line at the Ford Motor Company, helping to build Model "A" Fords;

Whereas at the onset of the Great Depression in 1931, Wesley E. Brown was given the task of typing 3,000 “pink slips” at the Ford Motor Company, including the last one in the pile, bearing the name of “Wesley E. Brown”;

Whereas in 1934, Wesley E. Brown became loving husband to Mary Miller Brown, and together they raised two children, Miller Brown and Loy Wiley;

Whereas Wesley E. Brown entered public service in 1935 when he was elected Reno County Attorney for two consecutive terms on the platform of three words: “Enforce the Law”;

Whereas Wesley E. Brown enlisted in the United States Navy at the age of 37 and served in World War II as a lieutenant stationed at Commander Philippines Sea Frontier;

Whereas Wesley E. Brown was engaged in the practice of law for over 25 years, exhibiting the highest standards of professionalism;

Whereas Wesley E. Brown was instrumental in obtaining State legislation and congressional approval for flood control projects in Kansas that greatly benefited the citizens of Kansas;

Whereas in 1958, Wesley E. Brown was appointed as a Referee in Bankruptcy for the United States District Court, and he served in that capacity until 1962;

Whereas Wesley E. Brown was nominated to serve as a United States District Court Judge for the District of Kansas by John F. Kennedy on March 23, 1962, was confirmed by the Senate on April 2, 1962, and took the oath of office for that position on April 12, 1962;

Whereas Wesley E. Brown served as Chief Judge of the District of Kansas from 1972 through 1979;

Whereas in 1979, Wesley E. Brown became a Senior District Judge in the District of Kansas;

Whereas Wesley E. Brown was appointed to the Temporary Emergency Court of Appeals in 1980 by Chief Justice Warren E. Burger;

Whereas in 1994, Wesley E. Brown married Thadene (Sis) Noel Moore Brown and proudly joined the “Browner” family;

Whereas Wesley E. Brown has contributed significantly to his community and to the judiciary through many activities, such as serving as President of the Kansas Bar Association, presiding as Chairman of the Kansas Rhodes Scholar Selection Committee, and serving as Director of the Hutchinson Chamber of Commerce;

Whereas Wesley E. Brown has been the recipient of numerous honors and awards, such as the Phil Lewis Medal of Distinction for Outstanding and Conspicuous Service to the State and to the Nation in the Administration of Justice, the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Wichita Bar Association, and the Judicial Council of the Tenth Circuit Lifetime Achievement Award;

Whereas Wesley E. Brown has set an example of hard work and dedication to the Rule of Law;

Whereas Wesley E. Brown has been a living example of the American Dream, rising from modest means and succeeding through hard work and perseverance;

Whereas Wesley E. Brown is the longest serving Federal judge in the District of Kansas, having served over 45 years on the district bench; and

Whereas Wesley E. Brown continues to actively serve as a Federal judge, and has declared that, “As long as I can do the job, I’ll carry on”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives com-
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