

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 23-29, 2011 AS PRO BONO WEEK

WHEREAS the civil justice system is where the promises of the rule of law become real and people can claim its benefits for themselves;

WHEREAS a society that denies access to the courts for the least among us denigrates the law for us all;

WHEREAS for its own integrity's sake, the civil justice system must be available to every Texan victimized by domestic violence, to each veteran wrongly denied the benefits our country has promised, to all families who have paid their bills but are nevertheless evicted from their homes, and to all others who seek legal redress;

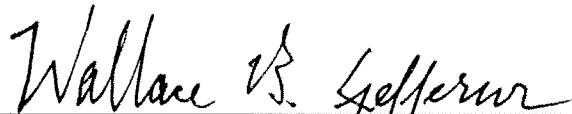
WHEREAS Texas lawyers annually donate hundreds of thousands of hours of pro bono legal services and contribute hundreds of thousands of dollars to legal services organizations to help provide the nearly six million Texans who live in poverty access to civil justice;

WHEREAS hundreds of Texas lawyers work for legal services organizations at greatly reduced compensation to provide legal assistance to the poor and to assist pro bono lawyers in doing so;

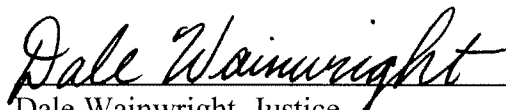
WHEREAS October 23-29, 2011 is nationally recognized as a week to recognize lawyers' valuable pro bono contributions to the cause of justice for all;

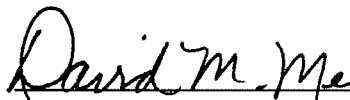
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS that Texas lawyers be commended for their generous donations of pro bono hours, their financial contributions, and their personal sacrifice to improve the lives of the most vulnerable Texans through the provision of basic civil legal services in devotion to the highest traditions of the legal profession and in dedication to the cause of justice.


Dated: October 24, 2011



Wallace B. Jefferson, Chief Justice

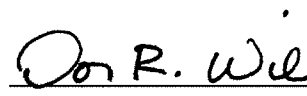

Nathan L. Hecht, Justice

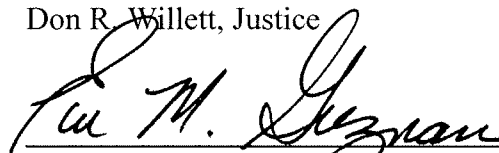

Dale Wainwright, Justice



David M. Medina, Justice


Paul W. Green, Justice


Phil Johnson, Justice


Don R. Willett, Justice


Eva M. Guzman, Justice


Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice