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5 By: Senator R. Thompson
6 By: Representative Harrelson

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9 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

10 COMMENDING JUDGE WILLIAM JAY RILEY OF THE EIGHTH
11 CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO
12 THE LEGAL PROFESSION.

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14 **Subtitle**

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16 THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS FOR
17 HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LEGAL
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21 WHEREAS, Judge William Jay Riley was appointed by President George W.
22 Bush to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals and took his oath of office on
23 August 16, 2001; and

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25 WHEREAS, Judge Riley is a graduate of the University of Nebraska-
26 Lincoln and Nebraska Law School; and

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28 WHEREAS, Judge Riley was the Editor-in-Chief of the Nebraska Law Review
29 and clerked for the Honorable Donald P. Lay of the Eighth Circuit Court of
30 Appeals; and

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32 WHEREAS, before his appointment to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals
33 Judge Riley was a civil trial lawyer with Fitzgerald, Schorr, Barmettler, and
34 Brennan in Omaha, Nebraska; and

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36 WHEREAS, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court William H. Rehnquist



1 appointed and current Chief Justice John G. Roberts reappointed Judge Riley
2 to serve on the United States Judicial Conference Committee on Criminal Law;
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5 WHEREAS, in 2001 Judge Riley was listed in the Best Lawyers in America
6 and was more recently listed as one of the leading five hundred (500) judges
7 in America by Lawdragon; and
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9 WHEREAS, Judge Riley's countless accomplishments and honors throughout
10 his legal career are representative of his high standing in the legal
11 profession and his impact on the practice of law,
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13 NOW THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE
15 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN,
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17 THAT the General Assembly commends Judge William Jay Riley for his
18 outstanding achievements and his contributions to the legal profession.
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the Senate deliver a
21 copy of this resolution to Judge William Jay Riley.
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