

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 132

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND RECOGNIZING JUDGE EDWARD J. LODGE FOR HIS FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE BENCH OF STATE AND FEDERAL COURTS.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2013, the Honorable Edward J. Lodge celebrated his fiftieth year on the state and federal judicial bench in and for the state and people of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, Judge Lodge had humble beginnings growing up and working on his family's ranch. He graduated from Caldwell High School, studied at the University of Notre Dame and Boise Junior College, graduated from the College of Idaho and received his law degree from the University of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his studies, he was a three-time all-American in football, a former Golden Gloves champion boxer and is in the Boise State University Athletic Hall of Fame and the College of Idaho Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, he was selected as probate judge in Canyon County and was then appointed by Lieutenant Governor Drevlow in 1965 to the Idaho District Court and was the youngest person to be appointed as a district judge; and

WHEREAS, in January of 1988, Judge Lodge was appointed as a United States bankruptcy judge for the District of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Judge Lodge's name was put forth by U.S. Senator James McClure for a seat on the United States District Court for the District of Idaho and President George H.W. Bush appointed him in 1989 and shortly thereafter his nomination was confirmed in the United States Senate by unanimous consent; and

WHEREAS, Judge Lodge served as chief judge for the United States District Court from 1992 to 1999 and continues today as a federal district judge in the District of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, Judge Lodge has earned the respect of his colleagues as a jurist who, no matter the pressure or how big the case, works to ensure a trial is fair; and

WHEREAS, Judge Lodge has consistently received high rankings from the Idaho State Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Judge Lodge is believed to have presided over more murder cases than any other judge in Idaho and has presided over cases involving the Ruby Ridge standoff, tribal ownership of Lake Coeur d'Alene, Claude Dallas, Sami Al-Hussayen, mining damage in the Coeur d'Alene Basin and the death penalty trial of child killer Joseph Duncan; and

WHEREAS, Judge Lodge may be the only judge who presided over two murder cases simultaneously, which shows that Judge Lodge is a lifelong student of the law and is someone wholly dedicated to serving the people in judicial matters; and

1 WHEREAS, his fifty years of public service on behalf of the State of
2 Idaho and United States Courts of the District of Idaho make Judge Lodge the
3 longest-serving judge in Idaho's history and the longest-serving active
4 federal district judge in the District of Idaho; and

5 WHEREAS, Judge Lodge's commitment to serve and uphold the Constitution
6 and the rule of law have sustained our republic and benefited the state and
7 people of Idaho.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-
9 sion of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Rep-
10 resentatives concurring therein, that we recognize and honor the life and
11 achievements of Judge Edward J. Lodge upon his fifty years of service on the
12 state and federal bench and we extend to him the appreciation and gratitude
13 of this Legislature for his service to the State of Idaho and, in particular,
14 his service to the citizens of Idaho.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized
16 and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Judge Edward J. Lodge and
17 to Senator Patti Anne Lodge.