

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7

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A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Judge Carl E. Stewart of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit on becoming Chief Judge.

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2012, Judge Carl E. Stewart of Shreveport, Louisiana, became the Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, which hears appeals from federal courts in Louisiana, Texas, and Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Judge Stewart's elevation marks the second time the chief judge position has been filled by a Shreveport resident; and

WHEREAS, he was educated in the following public schools: West Shreveport Elementary (1st–5th), Central Elementary (6th), J.S. Clark Junior High (7th–9th), and Booker T. Washington High (10th–12th); and

WHEREAS, Judge Stewart received his undergraduate degree magna cum laude from Dillard University in 1971 and his Juris Doctor from Loyola University New Orleans School of Law in 1974; and

WHEREAS, immediately following admission to the Louisiana Bar Association in October 1974, he entered the United States Army, duty stationed at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, and served as a captain in the Judge Advocate General Corps until October 1977; and

WHEREAS, following his military service, Judge Stewart served as a staff attorney with the Louisiana Attorney General's Office–Shreveport Division; Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana–Shreveport Office; Special Assistant City of Shreveport and District Attorney for Caddo Parish; and private practitioner in Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, he was elected a District Judge for the First Judicial District Court of Caddo Parish and was reelected without opposition five years later; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, again without opposition, he was elected to the Louisiana Second Circuit Court of Appeal; and

WHEREAS, President William J. Clinton appointed Judge Stewart as United States Circuit Judge on May 9, 1994; and

WHEREAS, Judge Stewart is the second African American appointed to the Fifth Circuit; and

WHEREAS, Judge Stewart became the first African American to serve as Chief Judge of the Fifth Circuit; and

WHEREAS, Judge Stewart is National Vice President of the American Inns of Court Foundation and a member of the national, federal, Louisiana, and Shreveport Bar Associations, and the Federal Judges Association; and

WHEREAS, he is the immediate past chair of the advisory committee on the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure of the Judicial Conference of the United States, a post to which he was appointed by Chief Justice of the United States William H. Rehnquist and later extended by Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr.; and

WHEREAS, he has served as a member of the Fifth Circuit Judicial Council and for seven years chaired its Space and Staffing Committee, which oversees resources for federal building construction; and

WHEREAS, as Chief Judge of the Circuit, Judge Stewart will sit on the Judicial Conference of the United States, which establishes policies for federal courts nationwide.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana hereby extends congratulations and commendations to Judge Carl E. Stewart of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit on becoming Chief Judge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Judge Carl E. Stewart.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE