



## *A Resolution Honoring Joseph A. Connors III*

**Whereas** *Joseph A. Connors III is a licensed appellate law and criminal defense attorney since 1973 following graduation from The University of Texas at Austin School of Law, and is certified in criminal law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization since 1979,*

**Whereas** *Mr. Connors, widely recognized as the counsel of record who argued and won Ray v. United States in 1987, is described by colleagues as one of the smartest, kindest, and most dedicated and generous attorneys in practice,*

**Whereas** *Mr. Connors previously held the positions of briefing attorney, Texas Court of Civil Appeals, Amarillo, 1973-1974; assistant criminal district attorney, Hidalgo County, 1976-1978; instructor: criminal law practice and procedure, skills courses, between 1978 and 2021; and adjunct professor, Texas criminal procedure and appellate advocacy, Reynaldo Garza School of Law, Edinburg, 1988-1989,*

**Whereas** *Mr. Connors has served on boards and committees in various leadership capacities to the betterment of the Hidalgo County community,*

**Whereas** *Mr. Connors has been an active bar participant as a charter member of the Texas Bar College, 1983-2022; a member of the Pro Bono College of the State Bar of Texas, 1994-2022; and a member and chair of the District 12-B Grievance Committee, 1984-91,*

**Whereas** *Mr. Connors has also held memberships in the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (director, 1982-1989); National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; the American Society of Writers on Legal Subjects; and Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (director, 1991-2020, 2021-2022; board president, 1994-1996),*

**Whereas** *Mr. Connors proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps Reserve, 1965-1971,*

**Be It Therefore Resolved** *that the State Bar of Texas honors Joseph A. Connors III with this resolution in recognition of his service to the people of McAllen and Hidalgo County, and for his unwavering commitment to the law through his work, volunteerism, and service to professional organizations.*

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*Laura Gibson, President  
State Bar of Texas*

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*Cindy V. Tisdale, President-Elect  
State Bar of Texas*

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*Chad Baruch, Chair of the Board  
State Bar of Texas*

**witnessed by**

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*Trey Appfel, Executive Director  
State Bar of Texas*