

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7

BY SENATORS PEACOCK AND TARVER

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Judge Carl E. Stewart of Shreveport, Louisiana, on becoming Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

1 A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

15 WHEREAS, immediately following admission to the Louisiana Bar Association in
16 October 1974, he entered the United States Army, duty stationed at Fort Sam Houston in San
17 Antonio, Texas, and served as a captain in the Judge Advocate General Corps until October
18 1977; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

DIGEST

Peacock

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