



Ed Emmett
County Judge

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ED EMMETT TAKES GAVEL AS NEW COUNTY JUDGE

Houston – Ed Emmett, former State Representative and Interstate Commerce Commissioner, was unanimously appointed County Judge at Harris County Commissioners Court this morning. Robert Eckels, County Judge since 1995, submitted his letter of resignation to enter the private sector.

“I am honored that Commissioners Court has given me this opportunity”, said Judge Emmett. “My top priorities are emergency management, homeland security, and mobility issues. I plan to work closely with the Commissioners on these issues and to also maintain the economic growth of our community while preserving the quality of life that we enjoy in Harris County.”

Judge Emmett served in the Texas House of Representatives from 1979 to 1987. He represented East Harris County, from Kingwood to Baytown. He served as chairman of the Committee on Energy, a member of the Transportation Committee, and represented the state of Texas on numerous national Committees relating to energy and transportation policy.

Judge Emmett is Chief Strategist of The Emmett Company, a multi-faceted international consulting and marketing firm, specializing in policies, products, and services related to the transportation industry.

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Prior to founding The Emmett Company, Emmett was president of TranSystems Advisors. His previous private sector experience includes serving as president and chief operating officer of the National Industrial Transportation League, where he led successful efforts to deregulate trucking and ocean shipping.

Judge Emmett currently serves on the Advisory Board of the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy, the Board of Advisors to the Academy's Global Maritime and Transportation School, and the University of Houston College of Technology Board of Advisors. He is also active on numerous committees of the Greater Houston Partnership.

A Rice University graduate, Judge Emmett received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. He also received a Master of Public Affairs degree from the University of Texas. Emmett and his wife, Gwen, have four children and two grandchildren and live in Houston, Texas.

