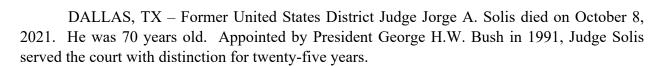
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Judge Solis graduated from McMurry University (BA 1973) and the University of Texas School of Law (JD 1976). He became an assistant criminal district attorney for Taylor County in 1976, a position he held until 1981. He was in private practice with Moore & Holloway in Abilene from 1981 to 1982. In 1982, he was elected Taylor County district attorney. He was special prosecutor for the West Central Texas Narcotics Task Force briefly before being elected judge of the 350th District Court in Abilene in 1989. He served on that court until he was appointed to the federal bench.

President George H.W. Bush nominated Judge Solis on June 19, 1991, to fill a seat vacated by Robert W. Porter. The Senate confirmed Judge Solis on September 12, 1991, and he received his commission on September 16, 1991. On November 13, 2014, Judge Solis became chief judge for the Northern District of Texas. Judge Solis was the first Hispanic federal district judge in the Northern District of Texas and the first Hispanic chief district judge. On May 1, 2016, Judge Solis retired from judicial service to practice law in the private sector.

The flag will be flown at half-staff on Wednesday, October 20, at each of the seven United States courthouse in the Northern District of Texas in honor of Judge Solis's dedicated service to the federal judiciary.