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AT 25 YEARS AND 26 DAYS, CHIEF JUSTICE HECHT MARKS HISTORY AS LONGEST-SERVING JUSTICE

Texas' longest-serving appellate judge, Chief Justice Nathan L. Hecht, celebrates a new milestone Sunday: longest-serving justice in state Supreme Court history.

That record had been held by the late Chief Justice Joe R. Greenhill, who served 25 years and 25 days on the Court until his retirement in October 1982. Chief Justice Greenhill, who died in February 2011, served as a justice for 9,156 days.

“To have served the people of Texas as a member of the Supreme Court for a quarter century, as long as Chief Justice Greenhill did, is truly an honor,” Chief Justice Hecht said. “Now as chief justice, I am privileged to lead a Court that is respected for its commitment to the rule of law and access to justice for all.”

Hecht, appointed to lead the Court in October, was first elected justice in November 1988 and took his seat January 1, 1989. Before his election, he served on the Dallas Court of Appeals for two years and, before that, on the 95th District Court in Dallas County for more than five.

Sunday marks his 9,157th day on the Supreme Court.