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#### VIDEO: Willett Claimed In A Campaign Ad That Greg Abbott Said Willett Was "The Judicial Remedy To

**Obamacare.**" According to Justice Don Willett's Commercial on YouTube, "NARRATOR: Texas Supreme Court Justice Don Willett is widely hailed as our most conservative justice. Conservative leaders even describe Don Willett as the judicial remedy to Obamacare, drafting the legal roadmap to reign in big government. Don Willett helped defend the right of Texas to display the Ten Commandments and fought the liberals who tried to remove the words 'Under God' from our Pledge."



<sup>[</sup>Justice Don Willett's Commercial via YouTube, 5/7/12]

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#### Willett Wrote That Chief Justice John Roberts "Entrenched His Legacy" By Upholding The Affordable Care Act.

According to an opinion piece written by Justice Willett in the Chron, "Until 10:07 a.m. last Thursday, Chief Justice John Roberts had never joined the U.S. Supreme Court's liberal bloc in a 5-4 case. He picked a doozy, and entrenched his legacy - a signature judicial pronouncement upholding a signature presidential priority. In the most momentous ruling since Bush v. Gore, the Court upheld the 2,471-page law overhauling one-sixth of the economy. Conservatives lost the short-term battle as a policy matter - Obamacare lives (for now) - but they may win the long-term war as a constitutional matter." [Chron – Opinion by Justice Don Willett, <u>6/29/12</u>]