

By: Pitts

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For nearly a decade, Carolyn Purcell has served the
2 citizens of the Lone Star State with integrity and distinction as
3 the executive director of the Department of Information Resources
4 (DIR) as well as chief information officer of the State of Texas;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, An alumna of the University of Houston, Ms. Purcell
7 earned her master's degree in business administration from The
8 University of Texas and has held many top management positions,
9 including that of chief information officer, in the manufacturing
10 and health care industries as well as the public sector; since her
11 appointment to the DIR directorship in 1994, she has promoted and
12 guided the development of our state's on-line governmental
13 services, such as the TexasOnline web portal, and her exceptional
14 acumen has won her well-deserved accolades from *Texas Monthly* and
15 *Government Technology* magazines; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Purcell is highly respected by her peers in the
17 information technology (IT) community, and she has served as
18 president of the National Association for State Chief Information
19 Officers and the Texas Association of State Systems for Computing
20 and Communications; in addition, she is a former chair of the
21 National Electronic Commerce Coordinating Council, an IT alliance
22 of state auditors, comptrollers, treasurers, secretaries of state,
23 and purchasing officials; and

24 WHEREAS, Throughout her tenure with DIR, Ms. Purcell has

1 proven herself to be a public servant of the highest caliber, and as
2 her distinguished career with the agency draws to a close, it is
3 most appropriate to honor her for the instrumental role she has
4 played in making the Lone Star State a world leader in the field of
5 government technology; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
7 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby commend Carolyn Purcell on
8 her exemplary career in state government and extend to her best
9 wishes for a very happy and rewarding retirement; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Ms. Purcell as an expression of high regard by the
12 Texas House of Representatives.