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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Ned C. Muse retired as city manager of Pittsburg in
2 2006 after rendering two decades of exceptional service to that
3 community; and

4 WHEREAS, Since becoming the chief administrative officer for
5 Pittsburg in August 1986, Mr. Muse has developed and implemented a
6 comprehensive planning and zoning ordinance and a city-wide capital
7 improvement process, directed the city's transition from a
8 groundwater system to a combination groundwater and surface-water
9 system, and overseen the adoption and implementation of an economic
10 development sales tax program; and

11 WHEREAS, He has also played an instrumental role in the
12 success of the Pittsburg Main Street Program, an undertaking that
13 promotes economic development through historic preservation; with
14 his support and leadership, Pittsburg has developed Pendergrass
15 Park, preserved its old railroad depot and reopened it as a museum,
16 developed the Farmstead Museum and Country Store, won the Texas
17 Downtown Association's Best Adaptive Reuse Award for the city's
18 Northeast Texas Rural Heritage Center and Museum, and generated
19 more than \$5 million in private-sector investment in the downtown
20 historic district; and

21 WHEREAS, In addition to serving as Pittsburg city manager,
22 Mr. Muse has held the office of executive director of the Pittsburg
23 Economic Development Corporation and served as an associate
24 instructor in political science at Northeast Texas Community

1 College in Mt. Pleasant; and

2 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan has given unstintingly of his
3 time and talents to a number of vital community organizations,
4 holding leadership positions with the East Texas Medical
5 Center-Pittsburg, Whatley Center for the Performing Arts, Camp
6 County Arts Council, Northeast Texas Rural Heritage Center and
7 Museum, and Pittsburg Rotary Club; he has also served as a trustee
8 of the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Employees Benefit
9 Pool; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Muse attended Texas A&M University, earning a
11 bachelor's degree in business in 1969 and a master's degree in urban
12 and regional planning in 1971; he began his career with the City of
13 Texarkana, where he rose to the office of assistant city manager;
14 from 1979 until moving to Pittsburg, he served as assistant
15 executive director of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments; and

16 WHEREAS, The Texas Historical Commission has recognized Mr.
17 Muse with its Anice B. Read Award of Excellence in Community
18 Heritage Development, and he has also been honored as the
19 Pittsburg-Camp County Man of the Year; and

20 WHEREAS, In his retirement, Mr. Muse plans to continue
21 teaching, do some consulting work, as well as spend more time with
22 his wife, Margaret Haak-Muse, with whom he is celebrating a 26-year
23 wedding anniversary on May 24, 2006; and

24 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Ned Muse has embodied the
25 highest standards of public service, and his outstanding
26 accomplishments will continue to improve the quality of life of his
27 fellow Texans for years to come; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
2 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend Ned C. Muse for his
3 exemplary service as city manager of Pittsburg and extend to him
4 sincere best wishes for continued success in all his endeavors;
5 and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Mr. Muse as an expression of high regard by the Texas
8 House of Representatives.