

By: Howard of Travis

H.C.R. No. 98

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Legislature is pleased to honor Michael
2 William Heskett, Ph.D., for his outstanding service in behalf of
3 the State of Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, Since 1988, Dr. Heskett has distinguished himself as
5 the state records administrator and director of the state and local
6 records management division of the Texas State Library and Archives
7 Commission; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Heskett joined the commission in 1983 as a
9 contract worker to research and develop the *Texas Municipal Records*
10 *Manual*, and he went on to revise the *Texas County Records Manual*; he
11 was hired on a full-time basis in 1986, and three years later he was
12 put in charge of the development of records retention standards for
13 all local governments; and

14 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Dr. Heskett has developed a
15 reputation as an authority in the preparation of records management
16 manuals, records retention guidelines for state agencies and local
17 governments, administrative rules for the microfilming and
18 electronic storage of governmental records, and rules for
19 electronically filing real property documents with county clerks;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Referred to as the "father of Texas local government
22 records management" by his colleagues, Dr. Heskett played a vital
23 role in drafting the Local Government Records Act of 1989 and helped
24 to modernize the state agency records management laws in 1997; and

1 WHEREAS, The Texas State Library and Archives Commission was
2 charged by the 79th Texas Legislature with the task of producing
3 *Required Reports Prepared by State Agencies and Institutions of*
4 *Higher Education*, and Dr. Heskett skillfully led this effort for
5 his agency to document the level of reporting required of Texas
6 government, with an eye toward streamlining and improving such
7 reporting; and

8 WHEREAS, Michael Heskett has been an exemplary public servant
9 and a guardian of public records and open government, and his
10 presence at the Texas State Library and Archives Commission will be
11 greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
13 hereby honor Michael William Heskett and commend him for his 26
14 years of valuable service to the State of Texas; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Dr. Heskett as an expression of high regard by the
17 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.