

By: Madden

H.R. No. 58

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For more than 15 years, Assistant City Manager
2 Michelle Thames has demonstrated exemplary professional and
3 personal commitment to the citizens of Richardson; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Thames earned her bachelor's degree in business
5 administration from Midwestern State University and her master's
6 degree in public administration from The University of Texas at
7 Arlington; and

8 WHEREAS, Since 1991, this outstanding public servant has
9 worked for the City of Richardson; she is currently the assistant
10 city manager for administrative services, with responsibility for
11 human resources, the budget office, and emergency management; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Thames also oversees the Richardson Public
13 Library, Citizens Information Services, Citizens Information
14 Television, and the city's franchise and regulatory affairs; she
15 takes a leading role in the city's administration of the arts,
16 overseeing the Charles W. Eisemann Center for Performing Arts and
17 Corporate Presentations and working with local arts organizations
18 as the city's liaison to the Richardson Arts Commission; and

19 WHEREAS, A leader in her profession, Ms. Thames has served as
20 president, vice president, and treasurer of the Urban Management
21 Assistants of North Texas, and she has served on the professional
22 development committee of the Texas City Management Association; she
23 is an active member of the North Texas City Management Association
24 and the International City/County Management Association; and

1 WHEREAS, Despite her busy professional life, this caring
2 individual has also found time to give back to her community as a
3 member of the Junior League of Richardson and Altrusa
4 International; a graduate of Leadership Richardson and the Citizens
5 Police Academy, she also sits on the editorial board of *Richardson*
6 *Living* magazine; and

7 WHEREAS, The many contributions of Ms. Thames to the civic
8 spirit and welfare of Richardson have been recognized with the 2008
9 Linda Keithley Award for Women in Public Management from the North
10 Central Texas Council of Governments, and in 2006, she was named
11 Outstanding Woman of the Year in the government category by Altrusa
12 International; and

13 WHEREAS, With the love and support of her husband, Phil, and
14 their daughters, Sarah and Katherine, Michelle Thames is
15 contributing greatly to the future of the dynamic community in
16 which she lives, and she may indeed take pride in all that she has
17 accomplished for the city of Richardson and its citizens; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
20 Legislature hereby commend Michelle Thames for her professional
21 achievements and her civic service and extend to her best wishes for
22 continued success and happiness; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for Ms. Thames as an expression of high regard by the Texas
25 House of Representatives.