

By: Madden

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, After 23 years of dedicated service, Thomas H.
2 Muehlenbeck is retiring from his post as the city manager of Plano
3 on January 31, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, A graduate of Lamar State College, Tom Muehlenbeck
5 began his career in 1965 in Parsons, Kansas, where he served as an
6 intern while working on his master of public administration degree
7 at the University of Kansas; subsequently named assistant city
8 manager in Parsons, he went on to hone his skills in Atchison,
9 Kansas, College Park and Valdosta, Georgia, Galveston, Austin, and
10 Virginia Beach, Virginia; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1987, Mr. Muehlenbeck became the city manager of
12 Plano, then a town of fewer than 100,000 residents; today, Plano's
13 population exceeds 270,000, the city employs over 1,900 people, and
14 the city's operating budget stands at approximately \$400 million;
15 with such growth comes increased responsibility, and Mr.
16 Muehlenbeck has been more than up to the task; on his watch, Plano
17 became the first Texas city to be rated AAA by all three major
18 bond-rating agencies; in addition, many Plano city departments are
19 nationally accredited and are regarded as being among the very best
20 by peer consensus; and

21 WHEREAS, The high caliber of Mr. Muehlenbeck's work is also
22 reflected in many of the accolades that have been bestowed on Plano
23 over the years; one of his early goals was to have Plano designated
24 an All-America City by the National Civic League, a dream that was

1 realized in 1994; moreover, Plano has been named one of the Best
2 Places to Raise a Family, the Safest City in the U.S., a City With
3 the Highest Quality of Life, and a Top-Rated Community for
4 Business; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Muehlenbeck has contributed extensively to his
6 profession through his leadership in such organizations as the
7 International City/County Management Association, the Texas City
8 Management Association, and The Innovation Groups, a consortium of
9 city, town, and local governments; he has also served as an advisor
10 to MPA programs at both The University of Texas at Dallas and The
11 University of Texas at Arlington; and

12 WHEREAS, In recognition of his outstanding record of
13 accomplishment, Mr. Muehlenbeck has been accorded a National Public
14 Service Award from the American Society for Public Administration
15 and been named a Fellow by the National Academy of Public
16 Administration; the Thomas H. Muehlenbeck Award for Excellence in
17 Local Government, which is conferred by the Alliance for
18 Innovation, was established in his honor; and

19 WHEREAS, Tom Muehlenbeck and his wife, Myrtle, have two
20 children and several grandchildren, and his family is a continuing
21 source of joy and inspiration to this esteemed Texan; and

22 WHEREAS, Known for the integrity and vision that he brings to
23 all he undertakes, Tom Muehlenbeck has played an instrumental role
24 in enabling Plano to become the city that it is today, and he may
25 indeed reflect with great pride on his outstanding professional
26 achievements; now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas

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1 Legislature hereby congratulate Thomas H. Muehlenbeck on the
2 occasion of his retirement as city manager of Plano and extend to
3 him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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