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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The staff of the Texas Municipal League in Austin  
2 bade farewell to an esteemed colleague and dear friend on March 8,  
3 2013, when Laurie Dodson retired after more than 20 years of  
4 service; and

5           WHEREAS, The former city secretary of Duncanville, Ms. Dodson  
6 was a longtime member of the Texas Municipal League before joining  
7 the organization's staff in 1991 as controller; with her subsequent  
8 appointment to the position of director of administrative services,  
9 she helped to expand the administrative department during a  
10 transformative period for the league and its staff, data system,  
11 and office location; nearly a decade into her tenure with TML, she  
12 took on new duties as the information services coordinator before  
13 ultimately settling into the role of member services coordinator in  
14 2006; and

15           WHEREAS, Ms. Dodson found great fulfillment in her  
16 responsibilities managing *Texas Town & City*, TML's magazine, along  
17 with her work with surveys, specialized research and reports,  
18 directories, and advertising space; she also enjoyed getting to  
19 know many elected city officials and other TML members along the  
20 way; and

21           WHEREAS, This esteemed professional earned the respect and  
22 admiration of her colleagues for her expertise, work ethic, and  
23 resourcefulness; as the Annie Laurie ventures into retirement, she  
24 will be surrounded by her loving family and friends, including her

1 husband, Captain Dan, her four children, Fred, Dick, Lance, and  
2 Cheryl, the entire Captain Dan tailgate extravaganza, and, last but  
3 not least, the sweetest granddaughter on earth, Raegan Anne, also  
4 known as the Mini Annie Laurie; and

5 WHEREAS, Laurie Dodson demonstrated great skill and  
6 dedication in all her endeavors with the Texas Municipal League,  
7 and she may indeed take pride in her many years of outstanding  
8 service as she looks forward to the next exciting chapter of her  
9 life; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Laurie Dodson on her retirement  
12 from the Texas Municipal League and extend to her sincere best  
13 wishes for the future; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for Ms. Dodson as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
16 House of Representatives.