

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dallas city manager Mary K. Suhm is retiring in 2013
2 from a remarkable career in public service that has spanned three
3 and a half decades; and

4 WHEREAS, Appointed city manager in 2005, Ms. Suhm has worked
5 tirelessly to improve quality of life for her fellow citizens while
6 putting municipal finances on a firmer footing and making
7 government more responsive; she set a goal for increasing the
8 number of police officers, leading to a dramatic decrease in the
9 crime rate, and during her tenure, downtown Dallas has undergone a
10 renaissance; moreover, she helped redefine the city's skyline
11 through her role in the construction of the Margaret Hunt Hill
12 Bridge, designed by renowned architect Santiago Calatrava, and in
13 the thoughtful revitalization of West Dallas; and

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Suhm has skillfully guided the progress of a
15 number of complex, long-range projects, among them the completion
16 of the much anticipated convention center hotel; her
17 accomplishments include the agreement to bring a championship golf
18 course to an impoverished area, the installation of miles of trails
19 and bicycle lanes, and the public-private partnerships resulting in
20 Klyde Warren Park and the Perot Museum, world-class facilities that
21 have connected the Arts District and Uptown and have energized the
22 urban character of the city center; known for her collaborative
23 style, clear focus, and organizational acumen, she proved her
24 mettle soon after taking office when Hurricane Katrina sent to

1 Dallas a stream of evacuees needing food, shelter, and a wide range
2 of support services; and

3 WHEREAS, Having dedicated her career to the city, Ms. Suhm
4 has played a central part in many significant developments over the
5 years, among them the Latino Cultural Center and the Dallas
6 Performing Arts Center; she has been a catalyst in the
7 game-changing Trinity River project for decades, and her continuing
8 emphasis on customer service and accountability has been reflected
9 in the introduction of performance measurement, strategic
10 planning, and other business best practices to the municipal
11 system; and

12 WHEREAS, Before becoming city manager, Ms. Suhm served in
13 such key executive positions as interim city manager, first
14 assistant city manager, and director of courts; with her selection
15 as the executive assistant director of the Dallas Police
16 Department, she became the first woman to serve as its top civilian
17 executive; she holds a bachelor's degree from Lamar University and
18 master's degrees in business and library science from the
19 University of North Texas, and she briefly taught school prior to
20 joining the city as a librarian; and

21 WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan has received myriad accolades,
22 including the Centennial Award from the YMCA of Metropolitan
23 Dallas, the Spirit of the Centennial Award from the Friends of Fair
24 Park, the Kessler Award from the Greater Dallas Planning Council,
25 and the Jubilee History Maker Award from the Dallas Historical
26 Society; in addition, she has been named Woman of the Year and
27 Public Administrator of the Year; and

1 WHEREAS, Mary Suhm has earned a national reputation for
2 innovation in public administration, and her visionary leadership
3 and selfless dedication have made Dallas a safer and more vibrant
4 place in which to live and work; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Mary Suhm on her retirement as city
7 manager of Dallas and extend to her sincere best wishes for the
8 future; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Ms. Suhm as an expression of high regard by the Texas
11 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2754 was adopted by the House on May 24, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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