

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1037

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Mary K. Suhm, who is retiring after eight years of outstanding service as the city manager of Dallas; and

WHEREAS, Mary Suhm began her career with the City of Dallas as a branch library manager 35 years ago; she went on to hold a variety of positions with the city and served as director of courts, executive assistant director of the Dallas Police Department, and assistant city manager; she was appointed Dallas city manager by the Dallas City Council in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of her career in municipal government, she developed a national reputation among public administrators for creativity and innovation; she has introduced such business practices as performance measurement, benchmarking, and strategic planning to city government operations to ensure efficient and effective management; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as city manager, a wide range of projects were completed, including the Latino Cultural Center, the Margaret Hunt Hill and Margaret McDermott Bridges, and the Dallas Convention Center Hotel; she was widely praised for her leadership during the rescue and evacuation efforts following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and

WHEREAS, She has earned numerous accolades for her accomplishments, including the title of 2007 Public Administrator of the Year and the Linda Keithley Award for Women in Public Management; an exemplary public servant, she is respected and admired by her colleagues in city government and the citizens of Dallas, and her presence at Dallas City Hall will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend Mary Suhm on her exceptional service to the people of Dallas as city manager and extend to her best wishes for continued success in all her endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 24, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate