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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, After 34 years, Pauline Lam is retiring as director 2 of the Cedar Park Public Library on January 31, 2015, and the 3 conclusion of her outstanding career provides a fitting opportunity 4 to reflect on the contributions of this esteemed professional; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Hong Kong and raised in Vancouver, Canada, 6 Ms. Lam earned her bachelor's degree from the University of British 7 Columbia before moving to Texas to attend graduate school; after 8 obtaining her master's degree in library science from The 9 University of Texas at Austin, she became the first director of the 10 Cedar Park Public Library in December 1980; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Lam is the city's longest-serving employee, and 12 over the past three decades, she has seen Cedar Park grow from a population of less than 3,500 to more than 60,000 people; in her 13 14 time as director, she has helped the library transform into a center for lifelong learning; working along with the Library Foundation 15 16 and Friends of the Library, she has written and acquired a number of grants during her tenure, which, along with fund-raisers, have 17 generated nearly \$1 million to support the institution; and 18

WHEREAS, The library facility has expanded from its original 19 500-square-foot storefront to its current 25,000-square-foot 20 21 building, and many additional positive changes have taken place under Ms. Lam's supervision; beyond books, the library also has a 22 23 variety of media and technology materials to offer its patrons, as 24 well opportunities for continued education and as group

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1 collaboration; and

2 WHEREAS, The proud mother of two daughters, Candace and 3 Megan, Ms. Lam plans to enjoy her retirement by spending more time 4 with her loved ones, traveling, volunteering, taking classes, and 5 simply relaxing at home; and

6 WHEREAS, Pauline Lam's dedication, professionalism, and 7 commitment to excellence have greatly benefited the citizens of 8 Cedar Park, and she may indeed reflect with pride on a career well 9 spent as she embarks on the next exciting chapter of her life; now, 10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas 12 Legislature hereby congratulate Pauline Lam on her retirement as 13 director of the Cedar Park Public Library and extend to her sincere 14 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 445 was adopted by the House on February 19, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House