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R E S O L U T I O N

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
13 population of less than 3,500 to more than 60,000 people; in her
14 time as director, she has helped the library transform into a center
15 for lifelong learning; working along with the Library Foundation
16 and Friends of the Library, she has written and acquired a number of
17 grants during her tenure, which, along with fund-raisers, have
18 generated nearly \$1 million to support the institution; and

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

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

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