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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For the past half-century, Doris Padgett of Mesquite  
2 has greatly benefited her fellow citizens through her dedicated  
3 service as the founding librarian of the Sunnyvale Public Library;  
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5           WHEREAS, Ms. Padgett was hired to run the library when it was  
6 established in 1965, and at the age of 90, she continues to assist  
7 its operations on a half-time basis; although the facility is  
8 small, she has worked tirelessly to ensure it meets the needs of  
9 area residents, and in addition to books and other media, it offers  
10 computers and a children's play space; and

11           WHEREAS, In the 1960s, the Sunnyvale Garden Club started a  
12 petition drive for a library, and one of the members encouraged  
13 Ms. Padgett, an avid reader, to apply for the job of sole librarian;  
14 she was hired and quickly taught herself how to run the facility,  
15 which had an annual book budget of \$5,000 and occupied a 1912  
16 schoolhouse; in 1983, she guided the move to the present location in  
17 a building shared with the fire station; and

18           WHEREAS, Ms. Padgett ran the library singlehandedly until 10  
19 years ago, when another employee was added; over the years, she has  
20 made it a welcoming, quiet oasis for book lovers and those  
21 conducting research in the stacks or on computers; many local  
22 patrons choose it over other nearby facilities because she is their  
23 favorite librarian; and

24           WHEREAS, The Sunnyvale Public Library plays a vital role in

1 the life of the community, and Doris Padgett has contributed  
2 immeasurably to the vitality of this institution through her  
3 skilled and devoted stewardship; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby honor Doris Padgett for her 50 years of service  
6 as the founding librarian of the Sunnyvale Public Library and  
7 extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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