

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 962

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Martha Blaine, who retired on June 30, 2016, after more than two decades of outstanding service as executive director of the Community Council of Greater Dallas; and

**WHEREAS**, Martha Blaine joined the Community Council of Greater Dallas in the autumn of 1994, at a time when the organization was facing severe budget shortfalls and doubts about its ability to remain viable; under her exemplary leadership, the council rebounded and by 2015 was reporting annual revenues of more than \$10 million; and

**WHEREAS**, During her tenure, Martha demonstrated an ability to identify gaps in community services in the Dallas area, and she collaborated with others in the community in finding the funding necessary to establish those services; she was instrumental in facilitating the coalition that raised the rate of fully immunized infants from 33 percent to 76 percent and in nurturing the growth of the Dallas Area Services to the Homeless; and

**WHEREAS**, She played a vital role in the founding of the Dallas County Coalition to Prevent Childhood Obesity and the Community Transportation Coalition; she was an early proponent of 2-1-1 Texas, a statewide information and referral system, and she led efforts to increase the number of Texans receiving health insurance through such programs as Medicare, Medicaid, and the health insurance marketplace; and

**WHEREAS**, An exemplary administrator and public servant, she was respected and admired by her colleagues and the public alike, and it is truly fitting that she receive special recognition for her achievements as executive director of the Community Council of Greater Dallas; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend Martha Blaine on her many contributions to her community and our state 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 29, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate