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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul O. Meriwether is stepping down as mayor of Mount Pleasant in the summer of 2019, following 28 years of distinguished service in city government; and

WHEREAS, First elected to the Mount Pleasant City Council in 1991, Dr. Meriwether won reelection 10 times, and in 2011, he successfully ran for mayor; he has provided skilled leadership in a period of tremendous growth, and his tenure in public office has seen numerous improvements to the city, including the completion of Mount Pleasant Regional Airport and Heritage Park, as well as significant upgrades to city streets and other infrastructure; under his watch, a major downtown renovation brought the transformation of The Alley on Third and a new home for the public library, and he has also helped oversee the construction of a new animal shelter and soccer park; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Meriwether was born in Nacogdoches and moved to Mount Pleasant in grade school; after earning his bachelor's degree with honors at Austin College, he went on to graduate from The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, where he also performed his residency in family medicine; he serves as medical director of Cypress Basin Hospice and of the Titus Regional Medical Center Community Care Center; previously, he was medical director of the medical center's Rural Health Clinic for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Dr. Meriwether is supported by the love and encouragement of his wife, Becky, and their children, John, Allison, Kemberly, and Paula; he is the proud grandfather of Olivia and Jonathan; and

WHEREAS, Paul Meriwether has done much to bring progress and positive change to Mount Pleasant during more than a quarter century of public service, and his efforts have produced results of lasting benefit to his fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby honor Mount Pleasant Mayor Paul O. Meriwether for his long record of service to the city and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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