

By: Hefner

H.R. No. 1152

R E S O L U T I O N

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

4           WHEREAS, First elected to the Mount Pleasant City Council in  
5 1991, Dr. Meriwether won reelection 10 times, and in 2011, he  
6 successfully ran for mayor; he has provided skilled leadership in a  
7 period of tremendous growth, and his tenure in public office has  
8 seen numerous improvements to the city, including the completion of  
9 Mount Pleasant Regional Airport and Heritage Park, as well as  
10 significant upgrades to city streets and other infrastructure;  
11 under his watch, a major downtown renovation brought the  
12 transformation of The Alley on Third and a new home for the public  
13 library, and he has also helped oversee the construction of a new  
14 animal shelter and soccer park; and

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

24           WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Dr. Meriwether is supported by

1 the love and encouragement of his wife, Becky, and their children,  
2 John, Allison, Kemberly, and Paula; he is the proud grandfather of  
3 Olivia and Jonathan; and

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

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

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