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S.R. No. 178

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Mercy L. Rushing is retiring as the city manager of
2 Mineola and as executive director of the Mineola Economic
3 Development Corporation on February 28, 2025; and

4 WHEREAS, A longtime resident of Mineola, Mrs. Rushing owned
5 and operated Mercy's Fashion with her husband, Tim, for 13 years; in
6 1994, she joined the City of Mineola, where she served as the main
7 street director and historic preservation officer before becoming
8 the executive director of community and economic development; after
9 a stint working for the City of Canton, she returned to the City of
10 Mineola, and in 2016, she was promoted to the role of city manager
11 and executive director of MEDC; during her tenure, her many
12 responsibilities included overseeing more than 50 employees and all
13 city programs, managing a wide range of initiatives, and securing
14 grants; and

15 WHEREAS, Active in her professional community, Mrs. Rushing
16 served as a board member for Amtrak's Texas Eagle Marketing and
17 Performance Organization, Texas Downtown, and the I-20 Corridor
18 Council; her many accolades include a 2020 Hometown Mineola Hero
19 Award from Hometown businesses and a 2009 Lifetime Distinguished
20 Achievement Award from the Mineola Chamber of Commerce, and she was
21 named a Main Street Manager of the Year by the Texas Historical
22 Commission in 1999; a graduate of Mineola High School, she attended
23 Tyler Junior College and Brookhaven Community College, and she has
24 also completed numerous trainings and continuing education

1 courses; and

2 WHEREAS, Through her leadership, dedication, and commitment
3 to excellence, Mercy Rushing has greatly benefited the citizens of
4 Mineola and earned the respect and appreciation of her colleagues,
5 and she may indeed reflect with pride on a job well done as she
6 embarks on the next exciting chapter of her life; now, therefore, be
7 it

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
9 hereby congratulate Mercy L. Rushing on her retirement as the city
10 manager of Mineola and as executive director of the Mineola
11 Economic Development Corporation and extend to her sincere best
12 wishes for the future; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Mrs. Rushing as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas Senate.