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RESOLUTION NO. 24-73

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO A TAX ON COMMUTERS; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas, Texas, has under consideration a tax on the earnings of commuters different from and in excess of that to be levied on Dallas residents; and,

WHEREAS, many residents of the City of Mesquite earn their livelihood from employment within the City of Dallas; and,

WHEREAS, any tax or burden upon the free flow of commerce between cities or geographical areas is detrimental to the economic welfare of the entire region and particularly to those individuals that work and trade outside the city of their residence; and,

WHEREAS, a tax on commuters is a step toward economic sectionalism and protectionism and is contrary to the idea of a free and open market that has provided the people of this country with the highest standard of living in the world; and,

WHEREAS, the people and the leaders of the City of Dallas have a long and respected history of promoting the economic wellbeing of the area which has inured to the benefit of their citizens manifold.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, is opposed to a tax on commuters and urges the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Dallas, Texas, to support a free and prosperous economic climate for the benefit of all citizens of the Dallas metropolitan area.

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SECTION 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage as the Charter in such cases provides.

DULY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 20 day of August , A.D., 1973.

*Bob Beard*

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Mayor

ATTEST:

*Norma G. McGaughy*  
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City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Elland Archer  
City Attorney