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RESOLUTION NO. 10-83

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, IN OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 66 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROVIDE COPIES OF SAME TO APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, from the time of the Colonial Town Meetings to present, local government has been the cornerstone of the American way of life; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 66 proposes to take local control of the important industry of Cable Television from local control and repose it in the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, cable television requires the use of locally owned streets and alleys and Senate Bill proposes that this valuable asset be taken from local governments and donated to Cable Television Companies to increase such companies profit; and

WHEREAS, many cities have entered into long term contracts with Cable Television Companies for use of streets and alleys; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 66 proposed to invalidate these contracts contrary to the Constitutional mandate that Congress shall make no law impairing contracts; and

WHEREAS, local governments have required, as a condition of use of public facilities; that franchise holders provide certain local access time to better inform the public; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 66 proposes to take local access control from local governments;

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 passage of Senate Bill 66 and urges all members of the Commerce Committee of the United States Senate to vote against Senate Bill 66 and in favor of local government.

SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to appropriate members of the United States Congress as the City Manager may determine.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage as the Charter in such cases provides.

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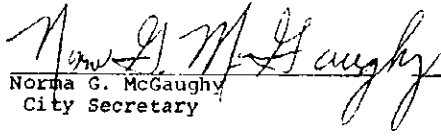
DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite,
Texas, on the 21st day of February, A.D., 1983.



LEN GIBBENS
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Norma G. McGaughy
City Secretary

Elland Archer
City Attorney