

RESOLUTION NO. 37-97

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, RECOGNIZING THE EXCEPTIONAL EMPLOYEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND THE EXISTENCE OF THE TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, on April 4, 1917, the 35th Legislature passed an act to create the first Texas Highway Department; and

WHEREAS, today the Texas Department of Transportation continues the agency's 80-year history of service to the citizens of Texas by building and maintaining the state's vast transportation network that is considered the best system in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Highway Department and the Public Transportation Commission merged into the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation in 1975, and in 1991 the Department of Aviation and the Motor Vehicle Commission joined the agency to form the Texas Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the State's primary transportation agency has been responsible for construction and maintenance of a 41,000-mile system of farm-to-market roads that "got the farmer out of the mud" in the 1930's and 1940's; built the 3,200 mile interstate system in the 1950's and 1960's and today oversees a total of 77,000 miles of highways; provides for development of a public transportation system that served more than 200 million passengers in 1995; registered more than 14 million motor vehicles in 1996; and facilitates development of more than 300 aircraft landing facilities serving the state's growing general aviation industry; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation is the state sponsor of the 423-mile Gulf Intracoastal Waterway which carries an average of more than 75 million tons of cargo annually and oversees more than 1.3 million acres of state right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation employs more than 14,000 dedicated men and women whose presence in every community throughout the state ensures personal service, an enhanced quality of life, and an integrated transportation system second to none; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation will celebrate this historic event with an Open House in each one of its 25 districts statewide on October 22, 1997; and

WHEREAS, the Dallas District Headquarters of the Texas Department of Transportation will celebrate its service to the citizens of Dallas, Rockwall, Navarro, Collin, Denton, Kaufman and Ellis Counties with an open house from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on that date;

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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, Dallas County, Texas, hereby commend the exceptional accomplishments of all employees, past and present, of the Texas Highway Department and Texas Department of Transportation.

SECTION 2. That the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Dallas County, Texas, recognize the existence of the Texas Department of Transportation as the state's transportation agency and an integral part of Texas state government for the last eight decades.

SECTION 3. That a copy of this resolution be prepared for the department as an expression of the high regard of the City of Mesquite, Dallas County, Texas.


SECTION 4. That 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 20th day of October, 1997.


Mike Anderson

APPROVED:

ATTEST:


Ellen Williams
City Secretary


B.J. Smith
City Attorney