

RESOLUTION NO. 06-2003

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, URGING THE TEXAS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT FUNDING FOR PRESIDENT BUSH'S \$3.5 BILLION FIRST RESPONDER INITIATIVE DURING THE 108TH SESSION OF CONGRESS.

WHEREAS, the 107th United States Congress passed legislation creating the Department of Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, the legislation creating the new department did not provide funding for President Bush's \$3.5 billion First Responder Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the First Responder Initiative was intended to provide funding to help cities pay for planning, training, equipment and other resources to meet the challenges of preparing for and responding to terrorist attacks; and

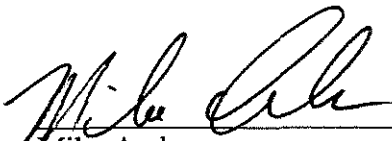
WHEREAS, Texas cities have been required to spend millions of dollars to implement heightened security measures since September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, many Texas cities are experiencing severe budget shortfalls.

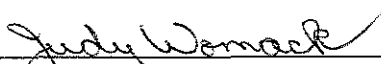
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the City of Mesquite strongly encourages members of the Texas Congressional Delegation to actively support passage of an appropriations bill that includes the \$3.5 billion First Responder Initiative to provide funds to help cities pay for some of the resources needed to meet the cities' new responsibilities for homeland security.


DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 17th day of February, 2003.


 Mike Anderson
 Mayor

ATTEST:


 Judy Womack
 City Secretary

APPROVED:


 B. J. Smith
 City Attorney