

Office of the City Manager

City of Richland Hills, Texas

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor Bill Agan and members of the Richland Hills City Council
From: Eric Strong
Date: January 7, 2014
Subject: Employee Recognition

Council Action Requested:

No action requested

Background Information:

In December of 2013, Police Chief Barbara Childress celebrated her 30 year anniversary as being Chief of Police for the City of Richland Hills. This is in addition to 13 years as an employee prior to being named Chief. While we usually recognize anniversary dates of employment and not positions, 30 years as a Chief of Police in one City is nearly unheard of. The level of service and the number of lives she has positively affected in this role as Police Chief deserves recognition. State Representative Stephanie Klick had a Resolution prepared and signed by Governor Rick Perry to recognize this remarkable accomplishment. Representative Klick will be in attendance at the meeting to present the Resolution to Chief Childress.

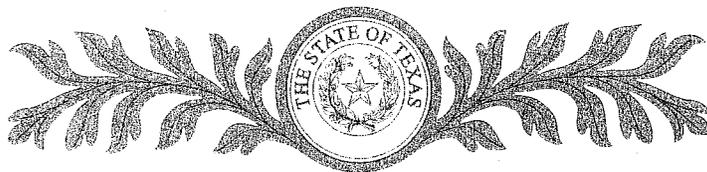
Board/Citizen Input: N/A

Financial Impact: N/A

Staff Contacts: N/A

Attachments: Resolution signed by Governor Perry

The State of Texas



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Richland Hills Police Chief Barbara J. Childress is marking 30 years of leading the department on December 19, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Chief Childress graduated cum laude from the University of North Texas with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, and she holds a master's degree in criminology and criminal justice from The University of Texas at Arlington; she joined the Richland Hills Police Department in 1970 as a dispatcher before taking the reins as chief of police in 1983; and

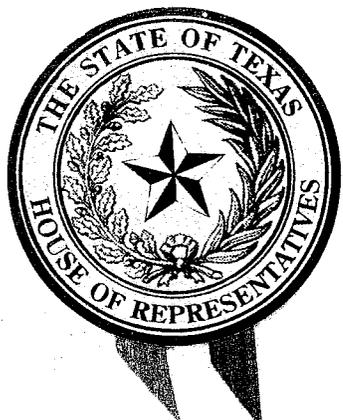
WHEREAS, The first woman in a Tarrant County police department to serve as chief, this trailblazing Texan was the first woman to be president of the Texas Police Chiefs Association and the first to be named presiding officer of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education; she sits on the board of directors of the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration and is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the Texas Police Association; in addition, she chairs the Tarrant County Law Enforcement Executive Association and the Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation; and

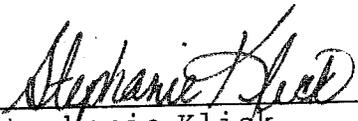
WHEREAS, Chief Childress was awarded a Career Achievement Award in 2006 by the Texas Police Chiefs Association, and she has also received numerous other accolades for her accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her professional commitments, Chief Childress has a notable record of involvement with many worthwhile local and statewide organizations, including the Women's Policy Forum of Fort Worth and Executive Women in Texas Government; moreover, she served as president of the North Hills Rotary Club and is a Leadership Texas and Leadership Fort Worth alumna; she is a valued congregant at her church, where she volunteers as a Sunday school group leader and outreach worker; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her distinguished tenure with the Richland Hills Police Department, Chief Barbara J. Childress has exemplified the highest ideals of law enforcement and contributed immeasurably to the well-being of her community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Barbara J. Childress be congratulated on her 30th anniversary as police chief of Richland Hills and that she be extended sincere best wishes for the future.




Stephanie Klick
State Representative
District 91



THE STATE OF TEXAS

GOVERNOR

*To all to whom these presents shall come,
Greetings: Know ye that this official recognition is
presented to:*

Barbara Childress

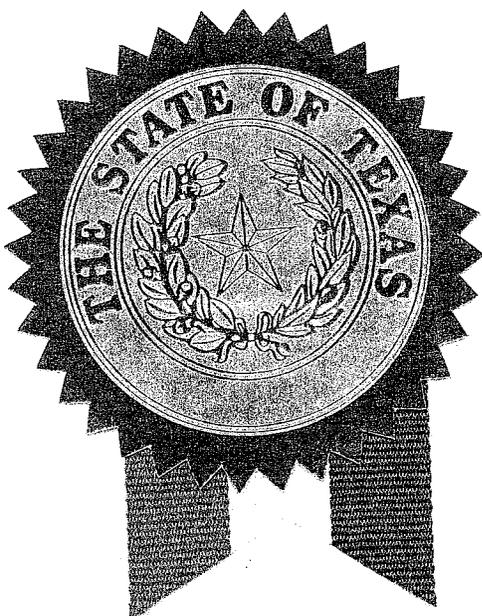
on the occasion of her

**30th Anniversary as
Richland Hills Police Chief**

December 19, 2013

Across the Lone Star State, law enforcement officers work tirelessly to protect and serve. As part of this proud tradition, you have worked diligently to ensure the security of your community. By serving with distinction and honor, you continue to define the best of Texas.

First Lady Anita Perry joins me in thanking you for your commitment to public service and sending best wishes for the future.



In testimony whereof, I have signed my name and caused the Seal of the State of Texas to be affixed at the City of Austin, this the 5th day of November, 2013.

Rick Perry

Rick Perry
Governor of Texas