

*Recognizing the Historic Legacy and Honoring the
Life and Achievements of Robert “Snake” LeGrand*

WHEREAS, Robert “Snake” LeGrand is a celebrated and significant public figure in Tarrant County and in Texas; and a recognized trailblazer in national college sports; and

WHEREAS, Robert LeGrand’s achievements and community work over the course of a lifetime have impacted generations of young athletes to practice service, courage, and resilience; and

WHEREAS, Robert LeGrand passed away July 20, 2025, leaving his family, friends, community, state and nation in utter sadness and profound bereavement; and

WHEREAS, this overwhelming grief is rooted in Robert LeGrand’s historic accomplishment as the first African American NCAA Division I head coach in Texas and as the first Black head coach at the University of Texas at Arlington; and

WHEREAS, Robert LeGrand led UTA men’s basketball team to three winning seasons and to an unprecedented appearance in the 1981 National Invitation Tournament (NIT) – the first UTA coach to do so; and

WHEREAS, at that time, neither UTA nor the Southland Conference were considered powerhouses in men’s college basketball; thus, Coach LeGrand’s NIT appearance sparked excitement among fans and extensive news media coverage, and, eventually became known as one of the 20 Greatest Men’s College Basketball Moments in North Texas history; and

WHEREAS, Coach LeGrand is a founder of UTA’s Movin’ Mavs men’s wheelchair basketball team, which has won 13 national championships in its 35-year history.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Tarrant County Commissioners Court, do hereby call upon all citizens to remember Robert “Snake” LeGrand’s historic achievements and his impact on students and basketball fans across this nation.

In Witness Whereof, we have, hereunto, set our hands and caused the seal of Tarrant County to be affixed this 31st day of July 2025.