

Resolution of Commendation

Bennie Medlin

WHEREAS, Bennie Medlin was born in Dallas, Texas, graduated from David W. Carter High School in 1977, received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Panhandle State University, and a master's degree in criminal justice and criminology from the University of Texas at Arlington; and

WHEREAS, Bennie Medlin began his professional career with the Dallas County Juvenile Probation Department, served as Superintendent of Bartow Regional Juvenile Detention Center in Bartow, Florida, Superintendent of Leon Regional Juvenile Detention Center in Tallahassee, Florida, Division Chief Executive Officer with Ramsey Youth Services Inc. in Coral Gables, Florida, Vice President of Juvenile Operations with Youth Services International Inc. in Sarasota, Florida, and returned to Texas in 2005 as the first African American to serve as Assistant Director, Deputy Director, and Chief Probation Officer of Tarrant County Juvenile Services where he received the Fort Worth Business Press Minority Leaders in Business Award in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Bennie Medlin has been an active leader in his community, serving on numerous boards and commissions including the Texas Probation Association Board of Directors, Mental Health Connection of Tarrant County, Juvenile Justice Standards and Training Commission, North Texas Juvenile Chiefs Association, Fort Worth ISD After School Coordinating Board, Project Safe Neighborhood Juvenile Justice Committee, Shaken Baby Alliance Advisory Board, and the North Texas Juvenile Justice Executive Planning Committee; and

WHEREAS, Bennie Medlin has provided invaluable leadership and guidance on many significant projects and challenges the county has faced and will forever be regarded as a respected member of our community whose impact will remain as a central element of the continued success of the Tarrant County community; and

WHEREAS, Bennie Medlin has been married to his wife Geri for 33 years, is the proud father of three adult children, Christopher, Brandon, and Sydnie, and is a doting grandfather to his two grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Bennie Medlin will retire from Tarrant County having professionally and compassionately served the citizens of Tarrant County for 19 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, do hereby recognize and commend Bennie Medlin for his years of dedicated service and for a legacy of bringing resources, support, and empowerment to the citizens of Tarrant County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of Tarrant County to be affixed this 15th day of October 2024.