

***Congratulatory Resolution
The Honorable L. Clifford Davis
100th Birthday Celebration***

WHEREAS, The Honorable Judge L. Clifford Davis, one of Tarrant County's favorite sons, is being honored upon the occasion of his 100th birthday, as well as for his impact on the DFW Metroplex and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, in the 1960s Judge Davis became one of the first Black attorneys to join the Tarrant County Bar Association, and in 1983 was appointed by former Governor Mark White to the Texas District Court bench becoming one of the first Black state district judges in Tarrant County; and

WHEREAS, since the beginning of his career, Judge Davis's passion for the law and his dedication to serving his country and his fellow citizens has known no bounds and through his generous nature and collegial manner, has been a model of inclusiveness and excellence; and

WHEREAS, Judge Davis changed the face of leadership, opening doors that had once been closed, and has much to teach us about our commitment to justice for those struggling with poverty, abuse, and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Judge Davis continues to serve as a prominent figure in the struggle for justice, equality, equity, and civil rights and throughout his life has been a fierce advocate for social change - challenging systems of oppression and advocating for marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS, as a mentor, Judge Davis has inspired many through his kindness, patience, humility, and thoughtfulness, and encourages others to examine the consequences of every word they speak and to find their own distinctive voice; and

WHEREAS, Judge Davis has devoted his entire life to speaking truth to power as a voice of reason, a sounding board, a brother, and a friend who has shown up, spoken up, looked up, teamed up, refused to give up, and lifted others up; and

WHEREAS, "Excellence," as Judge Davis seeks it, requires knowledge and faithful application of the law, diligence and efficiency, and unfailing courtesy without sacrifice of firmness and decisiveness, while retaining a jealous regard for the individuality of every person; and

WHEREAS, we honor this "Trailblazer for Justice" and recognize that we all stand on the shoulders of those who came before us and whose lives and contributions, from different backgrounds and circumstances, have shaped who we are as a community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, do hereby congratulate The Honorable Judge L. Clifford Davis upon the celebration of his 100th birthday and for his outstanding achievements and contributions to the people of Tarrant County; and

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.

(Over signature of entire court)