

PROCLAMATION

Honoring Don Graves

WHEREAS, the freedoms and security enjoyed by the citizens of the United States today are the direct result of the sacrifices made and the unwavering vigilance upheld by the men and women of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, more than 80 years ago, a generation of Americans was called upon to serve during World War II, and so, at just 17 years old, Don Graves answered that call by enlisting in the Marines and serving in some of the most grueling and unforgiving conditions of modern warfare; and

WHEREAS, Don, served in the Second Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, as a flamethrower and was honorably discharged in 1946 with the rank of corporal; and

WHEREAS, Don currently dedicates his time to inspiring and educating others by sharing his military experiences, as a speaker, minister, and a singer/entertainer; and

WHEREAS, today, we gather to honor and reflect. Now and forever, let us pay tribute not only to Don, but to all veterans by upholding the ideals they fought to protect and by offering them the care and respect they so rightfully deserve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County do hereby issue this Proclamation to honor Don Graves and extend our gratitude to him for his lifelong service to our nation, state and community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Tarrant County to be affixed this 28th day of January 2025.