Memorial Resolution
The Honorable Judge L. Clifford Davis

WHEREAS, *the family and friends of The Honorable Judge L. Clifford Davis, were deeply saddened by his death on Saturday, February 15, 2025; 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 served 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 inspired many through his kindness, patience, humility, and thoughtfulness, and encouraged others to examine the consequences of every word they speak and to find their own distinctive voice; and*

WHEREAS, *"Excellence", as Judge Davis defined 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.*

WHEREAS, *Judge Davis is survived by his beloved daughters, Avis and Karen Davis, along with a host of extended family and friends.*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, *that we, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, pay tribute to the memory of The Honorable Judge L. Clifford Davis, recognize the contributions he has made to the people of Tarrant County, the State of Texas, and the Nation, and extend our deepest sympathy to the members of his family, his colleagues, and his many friends for their great loss.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of Tarrant County to be affixed this 11th day of March 2025.*

(Over entire court signatures)