

Resolution



BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 7th day of February, 2017 on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by John Wiley Price, Commissioner of District 3, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Every day, seemingly ordinary Dallas County citizens extend themselves in various ways to enhance the wellbeing of others. Today, we'd like to celebrate four individuals who have made a significant difference in their communities, all to make Dallas County a better place; and

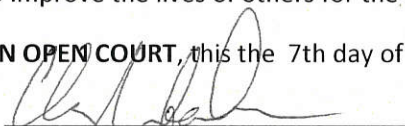
WHEREAS, **Mrs. Ada Hansford** a leader in the arts community, became the first African American President of the Dallas Art Association and was the lead teacher for the Ross Perot Foundation. Mrs. Hansford was named "Teacher of The Year" at C.F. Carr Learning Center and mentored student teachers at Southern Methodist University. She was recently nominated for induction into the 2017 African American Education Hall of Fame and is listed in the Journal of the Texas Art Education Association's Texas Trends in Art Education publication. Mrs. Hansford is a devoted member of New Mount Zion Baptist Church where she was recently honored with the *MLK Drum Major for Service Award* on behalf of the White House. A board and executive committee member of the Hamilton Park Civic League and the Hamilton Park Inter-Organization Council, she assumes leadership wherever needed. Mrs. Hansford has served on the City of Dallas' Community Development Board and is a member of the internationally known and respected "Top Ladies of Distinction"; and

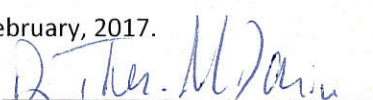
WHEREAS, **The Honorable Linda L. Griffin**, a Master Trustee and trailblazer, has spent over 40 years serving the Garland and Dallas community. Mrs. Griffin is currently the CEO of LINDCO Management, a global consulting firm. Mrs. Griffin co-founded St. Mark Institutional Baptist Church in Garland, Texas, along with her late husband Roosevelt A. Griffin. She was recently honored for 33 years of faithful service. A highly-respected educator, businesswoman, and community activist, Mrs. Griffin is the first African American woman elected to the Garland Independent School District (GISD) Board of Trustees and the first African American Board President (twice appointed). Mrs. Griffin is known for her efforts to improve public education throughout Dallas County and the State of Texas. She established the ABC Motto of Service, "Always Benefiting Children." Her leadership and service awards are extensive and include the Texas Association of School Boards; Texas Black Caucus of School Boards; Garland Economic Development Partnership; Leadership Garland, Garland & Vicinity Ministers' Wives Alliance, and Woman of the Year by the National Business and Professional Women Association; and

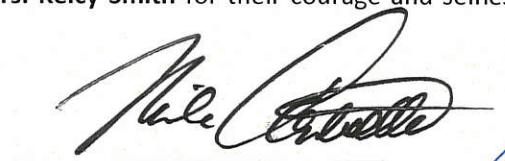
WHEREAS, **Mr. Curtis J. Smith and Mrs. Kelcy Smith**, a power couple married for nearly 70 years, are longtime members of The Hamilton Park United Methodist Church. Mrs. Kelcy Smith has been a Communion Board member since its inception. She is active with the Mature Adults and the Food Pantry Ministries. Mr. Curtis Smith was honored with the naming and dedication of the Church's library in recognition of his leadership. An advocate for the educational rights of African-Americans within the Richardson Independent School District (RISD), Mr. Smith was appointed by a federal judge as the first chairman and organizer of RISD's Bi-Racial Committee following the Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court case. His work led to the establishment of a fully integrated Hamilton Park Pacesetter Magnet Elementary School, resulting in a planned integration at Richardson Independent School District's middle and high schools. He continues to serve on this committee. A WWII veteran of the U.S. Navy, Mr. Smith was the first African-American promoted to Seaman First Class. In 2015, He was chosen to join twelve WWII veterans in Washington, D.C. where he presented a wreath in the Pearl Harbor Day ceremony at the National World War II Memorial. Mr. Curtis Smith and Mrs. Kelcy Smith became the first African American in management in their respective career. Together, they've made a difference within the Hamilton Park community and Dallas.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on behalf of the Dallas County Commissioners Court and Dallas County citizens, we humbly thank **Mrs. Ada Hansford, Mrs. Linda Griffin, Mr. Curtis Smith and Mrs. Kelcy Smith** for their courage and selfless spirit to improve the lives of others for the betterment of Dallas County.

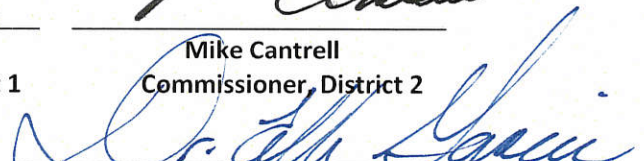
DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 7th day of February, 2017.


Clay Lewis Jenkins
County Judge


Dr. Theresa Daniel
Commissioner, District 1


Mike Cantrell
Commissioner, District 2


John Wiley Price
Commissioner, District 3


Dr. Elba Garcia
Commissioner, District 4