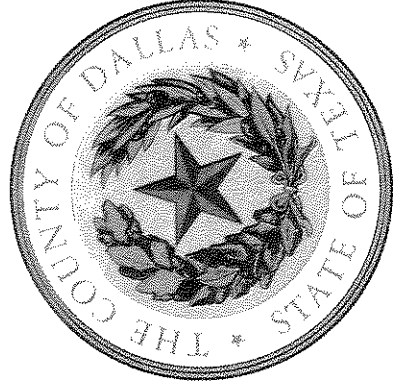


Resolution



ORDER NO: _____ 2014-0691

DATE: May 20, 2014

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §

BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 20th day of May, 2014, on motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District #1, and seconded by Dr. Elba Garcia, Commissioner of District #4, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the 81st Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 1134 (effective on September 1, 2009), which allows high school students 16 years of age and older to serve as election clerks in Texas elections. The purpose is to introduce students to the electoral process, inspire them with an interest in their government, and to provide election authorities with an additional resource of people who can serve at the polls;

WHEREAS, in the Spring of 2012, The Dallas County Elections Administrator, Toni Pippins-Poole instituted a Student Election Clerk Program that is dedicated to recruiting and engaging high school students in the electoral process;

WHEREAS, the student must be approved by their school, qualify through the Elections Department, and attend a comprehensive training before they can be placed at a polling location. Students gain important insight and knowledge about the process from the election judges, learn the importance of voting, and hopefully become engaged and educated citizens;


WHEREAS, since the program's inception, the Dallas County Elections Department has recruited over 2,500 students. More than 600 have completed the program and worked as student election clerks. The students that we honor today are from the following high schools: DISD: W. H. Adamson, El Centro Middle College, J. F. Kimball, Lincoln, Moises E. Molina, L. G. Pinkston, Irma Rangel, Franklin D. Roosevelt, W. W. Samuel, Skyline, Trinidad Garza Early College, Townview TAG, Townview Law, Townview Business, Townview Health, Townview Education, Booker T. Washington, Wilmer-Hutchins; PRIVATE: Gateway Charter, Greenhill, Hampton Preparatory, Jesuit College Preparatory, Lakehill Preparatory, Pegasus Charter, Episcopal School of Dallas; SUBURBAN: Cedar Hill Collegiate, Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Duncanville, Garland, Grand Prairie, John Horn, Irving, Lancaster, Naaman Forest, New Tech, Nimitz, North Garland, Ranchview, Richardson, Rowlett, Sachse, Singley, West Mesquite; and students that are homeschooled;

WHEREAS, the students are an invaluable asset to the Elections Department by supplementing the adult workforce. They help election judges with some of the heavier equipment, computer/software driven equipment, and experienced student clerks can help put a new judge at ease;

WHEREAS, this year there are 147 high school seniors who have participated in this program. Many of the students have served as election clerks for three years. The students will hopefully transition into adult clerk and judge positions after graduating from high school and college;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that on behalf of the Dallas County Commissioner Court and the residents of Dallas County, who are the beneficiaries of the Student Election Clerk Program, we congratulate the 147 high school senior students for participating in this successful program.


DONE IN OPEN COURT this the 20th day of May, 2014.



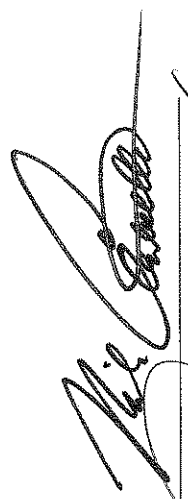
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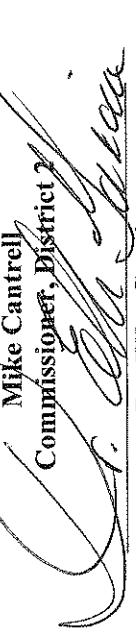
Clay Lewis Jenkins, County Judge



John Wiley Price
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Mike Cantrell
Commissioner, District 2



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