

Resolution

ORDER NO. 2015-0654

DATE: May 12, 2015

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §



BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 12th day of May, 2015, on motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District #1 and seconded by Clay Jenkins, Dallas County Judge, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, In the history of our great nation, only 53 persons have served as Speaker of the House of Representatives. **James Claude Wright, Jr.**, known politically and affectionately as "**Jim**" was the last Speaker from Texas. His legend, which included a personality and dedication as big as the Lone Star State, endeared him to Americans for generations; and,

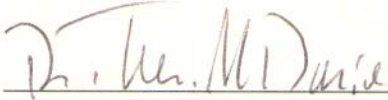
WHEREAS, **Jim Wright** was born in neighboring Tarrant County in 1922. He attended Weatherford College and the University of Texas at Austin before enlisting in the United States Army Air Forces in 1941. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant, trained as a bombardier and earned a Distinguished Flying Cross in the South Pacific during World War II. He would return to Weatherford to begin his post-military career; and,


WHEREAS, His illustrious political career began with one term in the Texas House before he was elected the mayor of Weatherford. In 1954, he was elected to Texas' 12th Congressional District, which included his hometown and Fort Worth. His advocacy for his constituents was epic. On November 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy commended **Jim Wright** for his work: "*He speaks for Fort Worth and he speaks for the country, and I don't know any city that is better represented in the Congress of the United States than Fort Worth.*" Perhaps his most noted legislation was the Wright Amendment which fostered the growth of Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport transforming the new development into one of the world's premier airports; and,

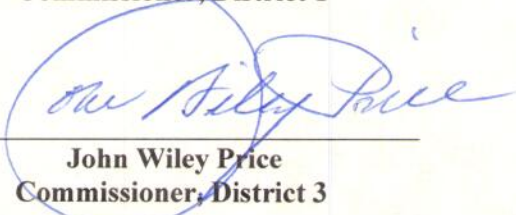
WHEREAS, In 1986, he was elected as Speaker of the House becoming only the third Texan to hold the position. After retiring in 1989, **Jim Wright** wrote several books, was a guest lecturer and taught "*Congress and The Presidents*" at Texas Christian University. With his passing last week, our region lost an esteemed leader and friend.

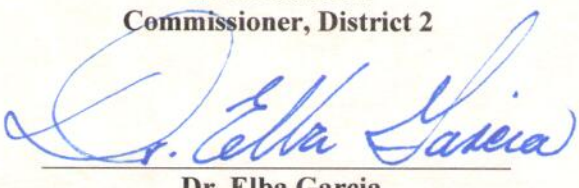
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby memorialize and honor Former U.S. House Speaker Jim Wright, a tireless champion for his district, the D/FW region, and the nation he served with distinction.


Clay Lewis Jenkins, County Judge


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