

Resolution



ORDER NO: 2016-0046

DATE: January 19, 2016

STATE OF TEXAS §

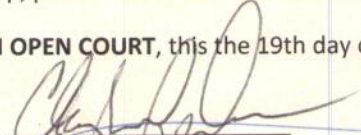
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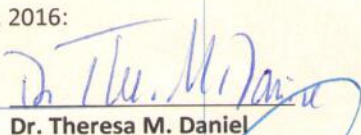
BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 19th day of January, 2016, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by John Wiley Price, Commissioner of District 3, the following Resolution was adopted:


- WHEREAS**, The Dallas County Commissioners Court recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to the betterment of Dallas County. The Reverend Dr. Ronald E. Jones has years of distinguished service through his religious, civic, and community endeavors. He was elected the thirteenth Senior Pastor of the historic New Hope Baptist Church on January 27, 2013, the oldest African-American church in Dallas, Texas, founded in 1873; and
- WHEREAS**, Reverend Dr. Ronald E. Jones served as Interim Pastor on four different occasions and in many other capacities over his forty-five years at New Hope Baptist Church. He served as associate pastor, professional Christian counselor, certified temperament counselor, certified mediator, experienced negotiator, and parliamentarian. He has also served as advisor to several churches; and
- WHEREAS**, Reverend Dr. Ronald E. Jones spent twenty-nine years with the City of Garland, five and a half years as the Assistant City Manager. He is a graduate of the first Leadership Garland class. After his retirement in May 2005, Reverend Dr. Ronald E. Jones served as Management Consultant to the City Manager and helped set up a relief center for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. He also served as an adjunct professor of business for ten years at El Centro College in Dallas, Texas; and
- WHEREAS**, In 2007, Reverend Dr. Ronald E. Jones was elected as the first African American Mayor of the City of Garland, the 11th largest city in Texas and the 86th largest city in the nation. He served three consecutive terms as Mayor with distinction; and
- WHEREAS**, Reverend Dr. Ronald E. Jones is actively engaged with many Christian and civic organizations including: life member of the PTA and NAACP; National Christian Counselors Association, National Association of Parliamentarians; Kiwanis Club of Garland; Garland Asian American Task Force, Garland Chamber of Commerce; Garland Summer Musicals, Garland Area Hispanic Affairs Association, Garland Police Academy Alumni Association and Garland Landmark Society; and
- WHEREAS**, While Mayor of Garland, Reverend Dr. Ronald E. Jones served on the Regional Transportation Council Board; North Texas Commission Board of Directors; U.S. Conference of Mayors Transportation Committee and International Affairs Committee; UTD Institute of Public Affairs Advisory Council; Metroplex Mayors (past president); Economic Development Steering Committee; and Luna Elementary School Campus Improvement Team; and
- WHEREAS**, Reverend Dr. Ronald E. Jones is the recipient of numerous honors and awards throughout his career, including inducted into the Elite News Ministers Hall of Fame; South Dallas Business and Professional Women's Trailblazer Award; Maurine Bailey Community Service Award; Man of the Year for the Texas Public Power Association Award; Dallas Baptist University Distinguished Alumni Award; and Garland Chamber of Commerce Tall Texan Award; and
- WHEREAS**, The Dallas Historical Society honored Reverend Dr. Ronald Jones with the Excellence in Humanities Award at their 2015 Award for Excellence in Community Service gala – most befitting; and
- WHEREAS**, A graduate of James Madison High School in Dallas, Texas in 1962, Reverend Dr. Ronald E. Jones earned his Baccalaureate Degree from Dallas Baptist University, a Master of Science Degree in Human Relations and Business Management from Abilene Christian University, and a Doctorate Degree in Clinical Christian Counseling from Cornerstone University.

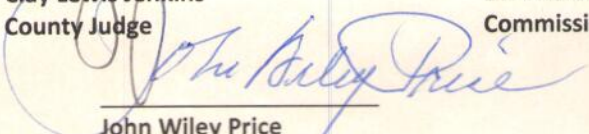
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on behalf of the Dallas County Commissioners Court, the residents of Garland and of Dallas County, we humbly thank Reverend Dr. Ronald Jones for his selfless dedication to improving the lives of everyday citizens through his spiritual leadership, passion and vision of a better Dallas County.


DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 19th day of January, 2016:


Clay Lewis Jenkins
County Judge


Dr. Theresa M. Daniel
Commissioner, District 1


Mike Cantrell
Commissioner, District 2


John Wiley Price
Commissioner, District 3


Dr. Elba Garcia
Commissioner, District 4