

Resolution

ORDER NO: 2017-0573

DATE: May 2, 2017

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §



BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 2nd day of May, 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, The Dallas County Commissioners Court takes special notice when an employee gives long and faithful service to Dallas County. Pamela R. DeGroff joined the Dallas County Juvenile Department (DCJD) on July 6, 1981 and spent the next thirty-five years serving juvenile youth and their families; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her distinguished career with the Dallas County Juvenile Department, Pamela served in a variety of roles. She started as a Case Worker for Dallas County Youth Village and went on to serve as a Field Probation Services Officer, a Probation Officer in the Dallas County Juvenile Department's first Pre-Adjudication Intensive Supervision Unit. But her longest tenure has been as a Juvenile Probation Officer for the Court Liaison Unit where she has served for over twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. DeGroff has been instrumental in many areas of the department, none more notable and invaluable, as her input on the Dallas County Juvenile Department's (DCJD) Black History Committee. She was instrumental in laying the foundation for the great work exemplified by the DCJD organization for over 24 years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. DeGroff, and former probation officer James Bates collaborated to form a committee that would honor and pay homage to African American culture and all the accomplishments made by African Americans in and outside of the job. Ms. DeGroff enlisted notable speakers such as Roland Martin, Zachary Thompson, Pastor Rickie Rush, Dr. Lawana Gladney, John McCaa, William Blair, and Chris Arnold, just to name a few; and


WHEREAS, Pamela considers the Dallas County Juvenile Department an extension of her own family since joining the department in 1981. She has raised two outstanding, gifted and accomplished daughters of whom she is very proud, Stevie and Arin; and

WHEREAS, Stevie graduated from Harvard University in 2004 with a major in English and History with a citation in Spanish. Stevie started a career with Google in 2006 and had the opportunity to extensively travel to Latin America for marketing. In January 2016, Stevie was awarded the Pinnacle Award for Top Leading Executives by the Boston Chamber of Commerce. Stevie left Google in September 2016 to pursue a law degree. Presently, Stevie is a 1st year, second semester law student at Stanford University; and

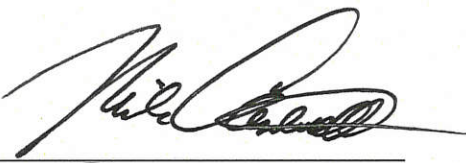
WHEREAS, Arin graduated from Pepperdine University with a degree in Media Production in April 2016. While at Pepperdine, Arin worked as the photo editor for Giraffe Newspaper and was awarded Sports Photographer of the year in 2014. After graduating, Arin moved to Lausanne, Switzerland to work in Geneva for Green Cross International doing research and videos highlighting environmental poverty and global warming. Arin is currently self-employed as a Creative Producer, producing film, photography, and media art.

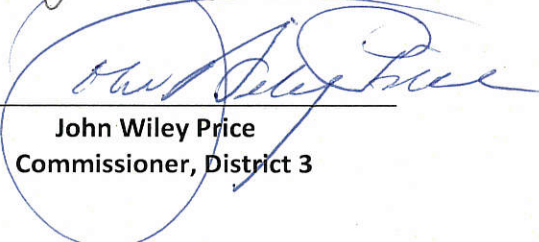
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby recognize and express many thanks to Ms. Pamela DeGroff for her dedicated and faithful service to the youth and families of Dallas County, including her own. We wish you the best of luck in your retirement!


DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 2nd day of May, 2017


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