

Resolution

ORDER NO: 2017-1626

DATE: December 19, 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 19th day of December, 2017, on a 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, Ruth Collins Sharp Altshuler created a legacy of philanthropy, generosity and leadership that will have a lasting effect on the entire Dallas community.

WHEREAS, Early in her life she joined the Dallas Junior League and became aware of the great need in the community. Altshuler joined the Junior League, a civic group for young women. They took her on a tour of Dallas she'd never seen. "We went to Parkland [Memorial Hospital] and the Lighthouse for the Blind and Goodwill Industries," she said. "I was just so overwhelmed. There was so much need and so much that needed to be done. That was the turning point in my life." Through this experience, she decided to dedicate her life to helping others; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Altshuler was the first woman to serve on a grand jury in Dallas. According to the Dallas Morning News "She showed up each morning around 8 at the Old Records Building in downtown Dallas and listened as prosecutors presented cases for indictment. They broke for lunch a little early on Nov. 22, 1963 — a Friday — because Kennedy was coming to town... Monday morning, Altshuler was on the grand jury that handed down the indictment (of Jack Ruby)." This historical event came full circle when she was selected by the City of Dallas to plan the ceremony marking the 50th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's assassination; and

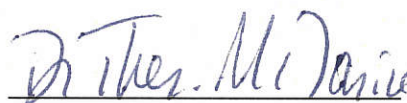
WHEREAS, Ruth Altshuler accomplished many more "firsts." She was the first female chair of SMU's board of trustees, the first woman to chair the United Way annual campaign and the first woman to serve as the chair of the local Salvation Army board. She was also the first person in the United States to receive three national service honors. She was one of three life members of the Salvation Army's National Advisory Board and was honored on a global level with the highly prestigious Order of Distinguished Auxiliary Service from the Salvation Army-International in London; and

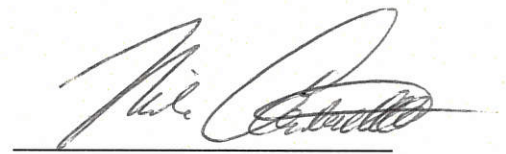
WHEREAS, In addition to her local and national positions, she gave the same devotion and leadership to her yearly fall food drive for area shelters she collected in her own driveway and tried to make a difference in the lives of those she met.

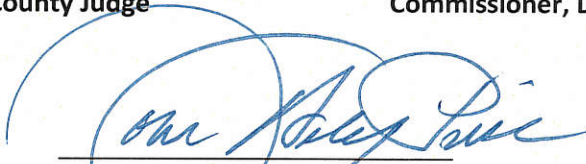
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby celebrate the life of Ruth Collins Sharp Altshuler, whose legacy will continue through the lives changed by her leadership, kindness and generosity.


DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 19th day of December, 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