

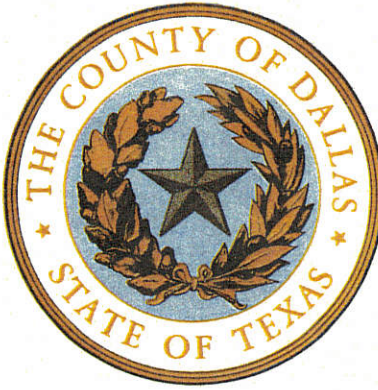
Resolution

ORDER NO: 2017-1394

DATE: November 7, 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 7th day of November, 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, Vivian Anderson Castleberry created a legacy that will have a lasting impression on all who knew her – family, friends, and the many Dallas County residents who have benefited from all her efforts. From the very start, Vivian was determined to live a meaningful life and had the great fortune of growing up in a home with supportive parents who did not believe in the limitations of the status quo and who encouraged her education; and

WHEREAS, Vivian Anderson Castleberry, Texas native, and long-time Dallas County resident was born on April 8, 1922 in Lindale, Texas. Vivian and her family would later move to Athens, Texas where she served as the editor of the student newspaper and graduated Valedictorian from Athens High School in 1940. After graduation, Vivian attended Southern Methodist University on an academic scholarship and would lead a successful campaign to become the first female editor of the student newspaper there; and

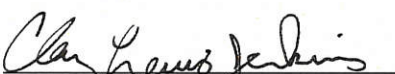
WHEREAS, Vivian Anderson and Curtis Castleberry, classmates and friends, married in 1946 and together raised 5 wonderful daughters: Catherine, Carol, Chanda, Keeta, and Kim. Vivian was committed to living a full life – she was devoted to her family and was passionate about women’s rights, equality and humanitarian causes. Vivian Castleberry worked for the Dallas Times Herald for 28 years as the Women’s Editor and was the first woman named to the paper’s editorial board; and

WHEREAS, Vivian’s achievements are many, with some of her most noted being her induction into the Texas Women’s Hall of Fame in 1984, founding the Peacemakers Incorporated in 1987, serving as a grassroots citizen diplomat for peaceful resolution of conflicts, and writing four books – *Daughters of Dallas*, *The Texas Tornado*, *Sarah the Bridge Builder*, and *Seeds of Success*; and


WHEREAS, Vivian Anderson Castleberry will long be remembered for her trailblazing spirit, go-getter attitude, and her fearlessness. She will be remembered for challenging prescribed societal norms, pushing women’s issues and encouraging women of diverse backgrounds. Her spirit will live on with the multitudes of people she touched with her fervor and friendship.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby celebrate the life of Vivian Anderson Castleberry, who came to be known as Dallas County’s own “Mother” for all her contributions to Dallas County, Texas and beyond. Vivian did not stop living life when she retired, she kept going, advocating for peace, and continued to uplift women. Thank you to Vivian Anderson Castleberry for her unwavering tenacity and to her family for sharing Vivian, a loving wife, mother and friend. We remember Vivian for a purposeful life well lived.


DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 7th day of November, 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