

Resolution



DATE: March 20, 2018

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §

A Celebration on the Birthday of Willie Mae Hardage Estes

Be It Remembered, that in commemoration of the 100th birthday of Willie Mae Hardage Estes, born on January 11th, 1918, Dallas County Commissioner Dr. Theresa M. Daniel offers the following resolution:

Whereas, Willie Mae was born during a raging snow storm on January 11, 1918 with the help of her aunt who was a midwife. Willie Mae's parents moved the family from a home on the prairie to a new community west of Wichita Falls called Iowa Park; and

Whereas, Willie Mae graduated from Iowa Park High School in 1935 and attended Texas State College for Women for two years. She later transferred to Northwestern University in Chicago and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1939. Willie Mae returned to Texas after graduating from Northwestern University and continued her education at The University of Texas at Austin where she completed a business degree; and

Whereas, During her career, Willie Mae held a number of occupations that were uncommon for women. She worked in broadcasting, modeling, doing secretarial work, and even had her own radio program for women in Wichita Falls. She also directed plays, weddings, and style shows; and

Whereas, Willie Mae met her first husband, Pat Hardage, in 1945 while visiting her sister in Washington D.C. They married and returned to Wichita Falls in 1946, went on to share 45 years of marriage and together raised 4 children. Willie Mae was a devoted wife and community volunteer. After Pat's passing in 1985, Willie Mae began traveling and became an elder in the Presbyterian Church; and

Whereas, Willie Mae met her second husband, Pete Estes, after ten years of widowhood. Willie Mae and Pete spent the next eighteen years together traveling and enjoying mutual interests. Willie Mae returned to Dallas after Pete's passing in 2014; and

Whereas, Willie Mae made Dallas and C.C. Young her home so that she could be near her 4 children, 11 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren. Willie Mae maintains a positive outlook on life, has a generous attitude and is an inspiration to family and friends. Her favorite recitation is, "This is the day the Lord has made. Rejoice and be glad in it."

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that Dallas County Commissioner Dr. Theresa M. Daniel wishes you the best on your 100th birthday celebration. May you spend it surrounded by loved ones, family and friends. Happiest of birthdays!

Signed this 20th day of March, 2018, in Dallas County, Texas

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dr. Theresa M. Daniel", is written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Theresa M. Daniel,
Dallas County Commissioner, District 1