

ORDER NO: 2014-1476

DATE: October 28, 2014

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §



**BE IT REMEMBERED**, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 28th day of October, 2014, 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:

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- WHEREAS, Arlington Hall was designed by noted Dallas architect Mark Lemmon as a two-thirds scale replica of the Custis Lee mansion, Lee's home in Arlington, Virginia; and
- WHEREAS, the building was a joint project of Dallas Southern Memorial Association, the City of Dallas and the Works Progress Administration. Arlington Hall was formally dedicated on October 24, 1939; and
- WHEREAS, during World War II, Arlington Hall was a magnet for social and cultural activities. It not only served as a location for USO dances and Red Cross meetings, but also hosted Debutante presentations and wartime weddings; and
- WHEREAS, by the late 1980s, years of constant use had taken a toll on Arlington Hall. Groups of citizens who cared about the Arlington Hall and Lee Park forged a coalition which led to the formation of the Lee Park and Arlington Hall Conservancy; and
- WHEREAS, the mission of the Conservancy is continued preservation and enhancement of Arlington Hall and the park ground on both sides of Turtle Creek; and
- WHEREAS, the Conservancy, through public and private donors, secured the funds needed for renovation. Construction closed the Hall from 2001 until the winter of 2003 The official rededication of Arlington Hall in Lee Park took place in January 2004; and
- WHEREAS, as Arlington Hall's graceful beauty has attracted citizens of Dallas from its earliest days, we look forward to enjoying another 75 years and beyond.

IT IS NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby recognize Arlington Hall, a place where Dallas County residents and visitors will/continue to make cherished memories for years to come.

DONE IN OPEN COURT this the 28th day of October, 2014.

**Dr. Theresa Daniel** 

Commissioner, District 1

John Wiley Price

John Wiley Price Commissioner, District 3

Clay Lewis Jenkins, County Judge

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**Mike Cantrell Commissioner**, District 2

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Dr. Elba Garcia Commissioner, District 4