Resolution

2015-1137 ORDER NO.

DATE: AUGUST 25, 2015

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §



BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 25th day of August, 2015, on 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, In 1965 a Board of Trustees that included such Dallas luminaries as R.L. Thornton II, Mrs. Margaret McDermott and Dallas County Community College District's founding chancellor, Dr. Bill J. Priest, set out to achieve a daunting goal: To create the best community college district in the United States; and
- WHEREAS, The voters of Dallas County approved the creation of the Dallas County Junior College District on May 25, 1965, with a \$41.5 million bond issue campaign; and
- WHEREAS, El Centro College was the first campus to begin serving students in the fall of 1966; and
- WHEREAS, With the openings of Eastfield College and Mountain View College in 1971 and Richland College in 1972, the Dallas County Junior College District changed its name to the Dallas County Community College District or DCCCD; and
- WHEREAS, When Cedar Valley College, North Lake College and Brookhaven College opened in 1977 and 1978, they completed the seven existing colleges and five community campuses of DCCCD we know today that has served almost 3 million students since the system opened; and
- WHEREAS, DCCCD serves people of all ages, from all walks of life and who mirror the faces of the Dallas community who want to succeed both personally and professionally; and
- WHEREAS, With the help of the taxpayers, the district continues to keep tuition rates low. DCCCD offers scholarships, grants, loans, and need-based programs, all of which help to reduce financial barriers to a higher education; and
- WHEREAS, The colleges of DCCCD equip students for successful living and responsible citizenship. In addition, they provide economic benefits to business, taxpayers and the community; and
- WHEREAS, On August 28, 2015, DCCCD will celebrate its 50th anniversary with more than five decades of growth and progress that are a credit to the vision of Dallas-area citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby congratulate The Dallas County Community College District on celebrating its 50th Anniversary.

DONE IN OPEN COURT on this the 25th of August, 2015.

John Wiley Price, District 3

Clay Lewis Jenkins, County Judge Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, District 1

Mike Cantrell, District 2

Dr. Elba Garcia, District 4