## Resolution

ORDER NO:

2017-1240

DATE: October 3, 2017

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF DALLAS



BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2017, on a motion made by <u>Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1</u>, and seconded by John Wiley Price, Commissioner of District 3 , the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS,

Hamilton Park United Methodist Church, also referred to as The Park, is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and service to the Hamilton Park community. The Dallas County Commissioners Court is pleased to join the Hamilton Park congregation and community in commemorating this joyous occasion; and

WHEREAS,

Hamilton Park UMC was established and held its initial service over 60 years ago on August 4, 1957 inside the Hamilton Park School. Just two days later the Church held its first official meeting in the then home of Mrs. Eloise Valley on August 6, 1957 at 111128 Oberlin Drive in Dallas, Texas. An historical marker has since been designated to the site to recognize that part of the community's history; and

WHEREAS,

Eleven Charter Members were responsible for establishing a solid foundation and a legacy of strong leadership under the direction of Dr. Ira Benjamin Loud. Dr. Loud would become the first pastor of the Church. Charter Members included: Mrs. Eula Robinson, Mrs. Joanna Walker, Mr. Howard Walker, Mrs. Vivian Starks, Mrs. Bessie Haynes, Mrs. Eloise Valley, Mrs. Flonaris Mondine, Mr. Frank Mondine, Mr. A. Maseo Johnson, Mrs. Annie Ruth Robertson and Mrs. Odetta Russeau; and

WHEREAS,

Marshall T. Steele, former Pastor of Hamilton Park Methodist Church, was responsible for leading the efforts to secure the land, a one-acre site, where the church is located. Dr. Loud's vision was a community house of worship. Reverend Zan Holmes, Jr. continued that vision and the Church grew to include the Education Building, Day Care, and classroom space. Later, under Reverend Luther Henry, Sr. the Church became United Methodist Church. Subsequent pastors included: Reverend John Elliott, Reverend Henry L. Masters, Sr., Reverend Ronald D. Henderson, Reverend Derrick Wright, Reverend Harold Dangerfield, and immediate former pastor Reverend Jerimiah Booker; and

WHEREAS,

The Park's rich history and long line of leaders have served the Hamilton Park community and beyond for over sixty years. Today, Dr. Sheron C. Patterson serves as the tenth pastor for The Park and brings her experience, passion for worship, and dedication to serving in leading this great Church community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby join Hamilton Park UMC, The Park, in commemorating its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Best wishes on continued success and a bright future in spiritual leadership!

DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2017.

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County Judge Commissioner, Dist

Dr. Theresa M. Daniel Commissioner, District 1

Dr. Elba Garcia

Commissioner, District 4

Mike Cantrell

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John Wiley Price Commissioner, District 3