

Resolution



ORDER NO. 2024-1395

DATE: December 17, 2024

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §

BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 17th day of December 2024, 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, The Dallas County Commissioners Court recognizes The Honorable Robert Daniel Burns, III, who faithfully and conscientiously served Dallas County and its residents for 24 years; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert Daniel Burns, III, was born in Dayton, Ohio and completed his B.A. in Business in 1986 at Austin College in Sherman, Texas after graduating from Richardson High School. He continued his education and completed his Juris Doctor at Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law in 1990. There was a point where he considered dropping out of law school. A particular thank you to Judge Thomas Thorpe former State District Judge of the 203rd District Court (1973-1994), his late mentor, who inspired him to complete his Juris Doctor. With a law degree, Judge Thomas Thorpe told him, he could always find work; and

WHEREAS, Judge Burns started his tenure in the Dallas County District Attorney's Office as an Assistant District Attorney in 1991 prosecuting criminal cases until 1997. During his time with the Dallas County District Attorney Office, he tried over 150 jury trials to verdict which included many cases involving capital murder. After 10 years of private practice, he was elected in 2006 and served as Judge of Criminal District Court 1 of Dallas County for 12 years. In 2018, Judge Burns was elected as Chief Justice of the Fifth District Court of Appeals at Dallas, where he served for 6 years; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert Burns, has previously presided over Dallas County's DIVERT Court which is a treatment court for first-time felony drug offenders, served three terms on the Dallas County Juvenile Board, two terms on the Texas Board of Legal Specialization Advisory Board, and served four years as the Local Administrative District Judge for Dallas County. Additionally, he has served as an officer for the Dallas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, and the criminal law section of the Dallas Bar Association prior to taking the bench; and

WHEREAS, During his leisure, Judge Burns enjoys playing golf, scuba diving, traveling, and holds a commercial pilot's license. Furthermore, he has two children, Emily K. Jacox, MD, who is a dermatology resident at the University of Central Florida and Robert D. Burns, IV, who is a law school student at Harvard Law School in the graduating class of 2025. Not long ago, he became a grandfather of his daughter's beloved little girl; and


WHEREAS, The Dallas County Commissioners Court offers our profound gratitude to The Honorable Robert Burns, for sharing his expertise and enhancing the quality of life for our county's citizens here in Dallas County over the last several years. We honor him for the contributions he has made not only to Dallas County but throughout the State of Texas and beyond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby congratulate The Honorable Robert Daniel Burns, III, for achieving this significant milestone. His service is distinguished by an exceptional commitment to the highest standards of law, sincere appreciation and commitment to our community. We hope you enjoy a well-earned retirement!

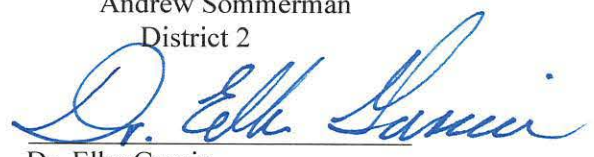
DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 17th day of December 2024.


Clay Lewis Jenkins
County Judge


Dr. Theresa M. Daniel
District 1


Andrew Sommerman
District 2


John Wiley Price
District 3


Dr. Elba Garcia
District 4