

Resolution



ORDER NO. 2025-0209

DATE: March 4, 2025

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §

BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 4th day of March 2025, 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, Women's History Month is an annual celebration recognizing the vital role of women in American and World history and their continuing contributions to our society; and

WHEREAS, By electing the first female presidents—Claudia Sheinbaum of Mexico, Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah of Namibia, and Gordana Siljanovska-Davkova of North Macedonia—in 2024, the globe saw significant advancements in women's political representation; and

WHEREAS, Here in Dallas County, we celebrate several groundbreaking appointments, including Dr. Jessica Dwyer as the first woman director of the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences and chief medical examiner, and Lynn Pride Richardson as the first woman Assistant County Administrator, who was also the first Black woman to have served as Chief Public Defender in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Magistrate judge and Texas native Irma Carrillo Ramirez was appointed as a United States circuit judge to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, becoming the first Latina woman to hold this position, bringing the proud heritage of her Mexican immigrant parents who worked under The Bracero Program to a position with appellate jurisdiction over district courts in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas; and

WHEREAS, In the field of athletics, Dallas area women achieved remarkable Olympic success at the 2024 Paris Games, including:

- Sha'Carri Richardson of Dallas, who secured both gold and silver medals in track events
- Jasmine Moore of Grand Prairie, who made history as the first U.S. female Olympian to medal in both triple jump and long jump
- Tara Davis-Woodhall of Wylie, who earned gold in women's long jump
- Chiaka Ogbogu of Coppell, whose silver medal contribution made the USA the most successful nation in women's volleyball; and

WHEREAS, We honor the tremendous legacy of several pioneering women who are no longer with us, including:

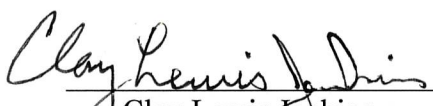
- Shelley Duvall, 75, the intrepid, Texas-born movie star whose winsome presence graced the films of Robert Altman and Stanley Kubrick
- Representative Sheila Jackson Lee, 74, who championed domestic violence protection and the recognition of Juneteenth as a national holiday
- Susan Wojcicki, 56, a pioneering tech executive who helped shape Google and YouTube into global platforms
- Gena Rowlands, 94, an acclaimed actor and independent cinema icon who later charmed audiences in "The Notebook"
- Ruth Johnson Colvin, 107, founder of Literacy Volunteers of America and Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient
- Adelfa Callejo, 90, was the first Mexican-American woman to practice law in Dallas, Texas, and a civil rights activist who campaigned for decades to increase Hispanics' education, political representation, and inclusion


- Linda Deutsch, 80, legendary Associated Press correspondent who covered America's most significant trials
- Francisca Viveros Barradas, known professionally as “Paquita la del Barrio”, 77, a Grammy-nominated Mexican singer whose powerful interpretations of rancheras and boleros made her an iconic voice in traditional Mexican music
- Cissy Houston, 91, two-time Grammy-winning soul and gospel artist who performed with legends like Aretha Franklin and Elvis Presley, and whose musical legacy continued through her daughter Whitney Houston
- Lilly Ledbetter, 86, whose fight for wage equality led to landmark legislation that continues to impact working women
- Cecile Richards, 67, feminist activist and former Planned Parenthood president who carried forward the legacy of her mother, Gov. Ann Richards
- Selena Quintanilla-Perez, 23, is known as the "Queen of Tejano Music" for her lasting influence on the music business and was posthumously awarded the National Medal of Arts in 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court hereby:


1. Commemorates these historic achievements and honors the memory of these pioneering women who have enriched our nation's history;
2. Recognizes the continuing contributions of women to our community, nation, and world;
3. Reaffirms its commitment to promoting gender equality and women's advancement within Dallas County;

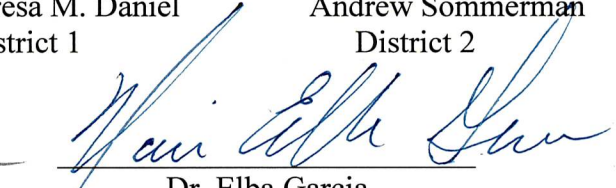
DONE IN OPEN COURT this the 4th day of March 2025.


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