

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTION

Renaissance House

WHEREAS, Renaissance House hosted its Grand Opening ceremony on Thursday, February 8, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Renaissance House, founded by Dr. Jennifer Giddings Brooks and Marnese Barksdale Elder, is to preserve and promote the true and diverse history of Historic Terrell Heights and support community health and neighborhood cohesion for the current and future residents of 76104; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1900's, political leader and civil rights advocate William "Gooseneck" McDonald, widely recognized as the first Black millionaire in Texas, constructed the original Colonial Revival-style mansion on the eventual site of the Renaissance House on East Terrell Avenue; and

WHEREAS, in 1950, May Pearl McDonald, widow of William "Gooseneck" McDonald married local entrepreneur, C.W. Flint, Jr. and built what is now Renaissance House, designed by architect Bill McHarg, whose signature project was Fort Worth's world-renowned Kimbell Art Museum; and

WHEREAS, Renaissance House is committed to addressing social determinants of health, including poverty, education, isolation, transportation and seeks partnerships with community stakeholders to offer prescription drug assistance, Teladoc Health to provide residents with access to a licensed physician, and cooking classes focusing on healthy menus; and

WHEREAS, Renaissance House believes in the power of community to create a sense of belonging, to provide a welcoming, inclusive, and accessible space to all members of our community, and envisions a 76104 community that honors the past, supports the present, and builds upon a thriving future for every resident.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, do hereby congratulate Renaissance House upon its Grand Opening Celebration and recognize its educational and collaborative impact on the Tarrant County community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of Tarrant County to be affixed this 21st day of February 2024.