

Memorial Resolution

“Coach” Robert Hughes, Sr.

WHEREAS, the family and friends of “Coach” Robert Hughes, Sr. were deeply saddened by his death on Wednesday, June 12, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Robert Hughes was born on May 15, 1928, in Bristow, Oklahoma and following his service in the United States Army, attended Texas Southern University as an All-American basketball player, received his Bachelor of Arts degree from The University of Tulsa, and received his Master of Arts degree from Texas Wesleyan College; and

WHEREAS, Robert Hughes became the head basketball coach at the Historic I.M. Terrell High School where his teams won nine district championships, one State Runner-Up, and three State Championships; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, Robert Hughes became the head basketball coach at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School winning 20 district championships, 19 bi-district championships, 10 regional championships, three State Runner-ups, and two State Championships; and

WHEREAS, Robert Hughes retired in 2005 as the all-time winningest high school basketball coach with a record of 1,333 wins and 264 losses, selected as the NHSCA National High School Coach of the Year in 2003, inducted into the Texas Basketball Hall of Fame, Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame, Prairie View Interscholastic League Coaches Association’s Hall of Honor, received the Morgan Wootten Lifetime Achievement Award by the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2010, and inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame on March 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Robert Hughes is immortalized in the naming of the courts at Fort Worth ISD's Wilkerson-Greines Activity Center and Dunbar High School, a Fort Worth street, the feature-length documentary "5700 Ramey Ave: The Story of Robert Hughes," directed and produced by one of his former student-athletes, and Hughes House, a mixed-income multi-family development currently under construction on East Rosedale Street in the Stop Six community; and

WHEREAS, Robert Hughes' impact extends far beyond the court, shaping countless lives as a coach, mentor, father figure, and pillar of our community and leaves behind an incredible legacy in the sport of basketball and across the entire Fort Worth community.

WHEREAS, “Coach” Robert Hughes, Sr. leaves a legacy of love as he is survived by his daughters, Rev. Carlye J. Hughes and Robin Lee Hughes, son, Robert Hughes, Jr., and a host of other relatives and many friends.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, pay tribute to the memory of a Beloved and Honorable Man, recognize the contributions he has made to the people of Tarrant County and to the State of Texas and extend our deepest sympathy to the members of his family and his many friends for their great loss.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of Tarrant County to be affixed this 18th day of June 2024.