

## **CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTION**

### ***Mildred Walker and Children First***

***WHEREAS, Mildred Walker has given the gifts of time, talent and treasure through her vision to make life better for people; and***

***WHEREAS, for the last 75 years, she has maintained one of the oldest independent family businesses in the City of Grand Prairie, which was started when she and her late husband, Ralph Walker, opened Walker's Bait in 1946 and their business ventures evolved through the years to include a sporting goods store and a boat dealership; and***

***WHEREAS, the Walkers' vision of a gateway for family and friends to enjoy the resources of the State led to the opening of Lynn Creek Marina, which has been named "Marina of the Year" and includes the iconic Oasis Restaurant at Joe Pool Lake; and***

***WHEREAS, Mildred Walker has worked extensively as a philanthropist and has held roles as Director of the YMCA, Chairman of the Board for Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce and as a Founding Member of the original Charter Women's Club and Federation Women's Club; and***

***WHEREAS, with a long-standing commitment to Children First, Founding Member Mildred Walker exemplifies that opportunities are endless by developing relationships with businesses, government, employees, customers and, most importantly, members of the community; and***

***WHEREAS, Children First is a community mental health resource and counseling agency that began as a volunteer organization in 1977 and became a 501(c)(3) in 1978, which provides hope and healing to survivors of abuse, neglect, and trauma through counseling and education.***

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, do hereby commend Mildred Walker on her longevity of service and commitment to the community and to Children First; and***

***FURTHER, we congratulate Children First as they celebrate their 45th Anniversary and the occasion of their 27th Annual Little Lunch of Hope.***

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of Tarrant County to be affixed this 25th day of October 2022.***