

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTION
Mission Arlington 30th Anniversary

WHEREAS, a former missionary, Mrs. Tillie Burgin returned home from South Korea in 1978 with the thought that if missions could be done in Korea, then they could be done in Arlington, and she began praying about how it could be accomplished; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, with the support and assistance of the First Baptist Church of Arlington, and Pastor Charles R. Wade, Ms. Tillie, as she is affectionately known, started holding Bible study groups with the low-income families living in apartment complexes near the church; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Tillie discovered that many of the families she met with, did not have enough food or shelter, so she set out to fill their needs; and

WHEREAS, what started as humble Bible classes, became Mission Arlington, and has grown into a multimillion dollar social services nonprofit agency; and

WHEREAS, on a typical day, Mission Arlington helps hundreds of families receive aid, including assistance with rent or utility bills, food, clothing, shelter, school supplies, training and transportation, a Christmas store and much more; and

WHEREAS, Mission Arlington also provides a variety of programs and services, including dental and medical clinics, after-school programs, child care and senior care; and

WHEREAS, the faith-based social service model that Mission Arlington follows is admired and emulated across the country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, do hereby congratulate Tillie Burgin, Mission Arlington and their army of volunteers, on the occasion of their 30th Anniversary of extraordinary service to the community, and are honored to recognize them for the exceptional work they continue to do. **IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of Tarrant County to be affixed this 2nd day of August 2016.

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