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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Dr. Judith Ann Jones Carrier of 2 Fort Worth on July 5, 2025, at the age of 87, has brought a profound 3 loss to the individuals whose lives she touched through her many 4 good works; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on July 7, 1937, in Jefferson City, Missouri, to Earnest Truman and Ruth Jones, the former Judith Jones grew up in 6 7 Houston with the companionship of five siblings, Barbara, Glen, Patricia, Betty, and Janet; she went on to earn a bachelor's degree 8 9 in journalism from the University of Houston as well as a master's degree in counseling and a doctor of education degree from the 10 11 University of North Texas; early in her career, she was employed as a counselor and classroom teacher in the Arlington and Burleson 12 Independent School Districts and as an adjunct professor at UNT and 13 The University of Texas at Arlington; and 14

WHEREAS, Dr. Carrier joined Tarrant County College's faculty 15 16 in 1971, and after the opening of its Northwest Campus in 1975, she was appointed as its dean of student development services; in 1996, 17 she became the founding president of TCC's Southeast Campus and the 18 first woman to lead a TCC campus; over the 16 years that followed, 19 20 she was influential in enhancing the presence and impact of the campus in the rapidly growing area of south Tarrant County, and she 21 was recognized for her achievements with the dedication of a 22 23 library in her honor in 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Driven by a desire to help students with limited

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1 resources, Dr. Carrier helped establish scholarships through the TCC Foundation and the Greater Arlington Chamber of Commerce 2 3 Foundation; a trailblazing civic leader, she broke new ground by becoming the first woman to serve as president of the Rotary Club of 4 5 Fort Worth and the first to chair the executive board of the Arlington chamber; she benefited dozens of other academic and civic 6 organizations through her involvement, and her efforts to advance 7 8 educational causes at every level included her work as a delegate to the White House Conference on Library and Information Services; 9 moreover, she was active in the charitable ministries of First 10 United Methodist Church of Fort Worth; and 11

12 WHEREAS, Judith Carrier devoted her life to empowering others 13 to reach greater heights of success, and her contributions to her 14 community and to Tarrant County College will be remembered with 15 admiration for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dr. Judith Ann Jones Carrier and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her sister, Barbara Pulliam; to her nieces and nephews, Jeb Jones, Ross Pulliam, Davis Bozeman, Lynn Harvey, Stacey Harvey, Vanessa Jones, and Valorie Hicks; and to her many other relatives and host of friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Judith Carrier.

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