

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, On April 18, 1937, J.D. Franklin was born; *and*

WHEREAS, On April 18, 1959, J. D. Franklin and Gloria Nash were married; *and*

WHEREAS, J. D. Franklin graduated from Douglas High School, all of their five children graduated from college; *and*

WHEREAS, J. D. Franklin became the first African-American to serve as City Commissioner of Sulphur Springs in 1975, served as a member of City Council from 1975-1979, was elected as the first African-American Mayor of Sulphur Springs in 1978. He was also a member of the JC's Junior Chamber of Commerce serving as president for a period of time, was employed at Rockwell Company for thirty years, and owned and operated a lawn service for many years; *and*



WHEREAS, J. D. Franklin is an active member of sixty years of the Masonic Columbia Lodge #81 of Sulphur Springs, a devoted member of fifty-five years of the Morning Chapel Missionary Baptist Church becoming a deacon in 1972. J.D. came out of retirement on August 13, 2012 and at age 82 is currently employed with the Sulphur Springs Independent School District Maintenance Department; *and*

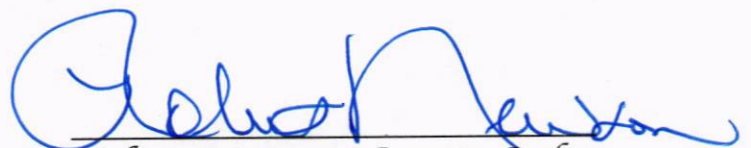
WHEREAS, In honor of J.D. Franklin's contribution to his community, a portion of Jackson Street in Sulphur Springs from MLK Jr. Drive to College Street will bear his name; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE HOPKINS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT
do hereby congratulate:

J.D. FRANKLIN

and urge all citizens of Hopkins County to acknowledge the presentation of this prestigious recognition to such a deserving individual.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Texas, in *SULPHUR SPRINGS*, the County Seat, this the Seventeenth day of June in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.


Robert Newsom, County Judge