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CITIZENS OF PRAIRIE VIEW CITY

CITY SCHOOL RESOLUTION: A PETITION

PREAMBLE

The State Institution now known as Prairie View A&M University is now one hundred one (101) years old. Although it has had various names (Prairie View Normal School, Prairie View State Industrial College, Prairie View University, Prairie View A and M College, Prairie View A&M University), the name Prairie View has always identified its location.

During the first two-thirds of this Institution's existence, it provided a public school function for those of less than college grade as well as those of college grade. During a large portion of this time the Prairie View Training School, located on the College Campus, served the purpose and function due to be performed by a local school district.

In more recent years, the local public school system began performance, in part, of its responsibility for the education of its local children by paying the salary of one of the two teachers employed in the Prairie View Training School. Later this responsibility was extended to cover the salaries of all teachers on a larger staff and with the College paying the salary of the principal and furnishing also all the physical facilities essential to the program.

In still more recent years, when the local public school system was persuaded to assume its responsibility in full measure, the College, through an enactment of the Texas Legislature, arranged for a portion of the College land to be used, provided the local public school district took the responsibility of constructing the buildings, paying the teachers, and providing classroom equipment, supplies, and teaching aids. This act provided the core from which the present Waller Junior High School emerged.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, The Prairie View A&M University has in the past made a significant contribution to the public education for the citizens of Waller County (Specifically, the black citizens of Prairie View and Waller, Texas), and

WHEREAS, The Prairie View A&M University made those contributions by providing public education, known as the Prairie View

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Training School, for the black community when opportunities were non-existent elsewhere in the communities, and  
WHEREAS, The Prairie View A&M University continues to contribute to the public education of the citizens of Waller County by providing the land on which the middle school now stands, and

WHEREAS, It would be fitting and altogether proper for the Waller Independent School District's School Board Members to pay respect and honor (in appreciation) to the University and the citizens of Prairie View by retaining the heritage of the school in its name.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Waller Independent School District's School Board Members reconsider the motion to name the school located in the boundaries of Prairie View City the "Waller Middle School" and solicit input from the Prairie View City Citizens as it relates to the naming of said school.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The Waller Independent School District's School Board Members strongly consider including one of the following in the name for said school:

1. E. B. Evans (President, Prairie View A&M University, 1946-1966)
2. W. R. Banks (President, Prairie View A&M University, 1926-1946)
3. H. T. Jones (Principal, Prairie View Training School, 1951-1971)
4. Prairie View (Location of said school)