

A Resolution

NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE HONORARY DESIGNATION FOR SHIRLEY KNOX BENTON AT RAMEY AVENUE AND ROBERT HUGHES STREET AND FITZHUGH AVENUE AT ROBERT HUGHES STREET

WHEREAS, The Fort Worth City Council has a policy for honoring individuals who have made a longstanding positive impact to the city and its residents; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Knox Benton has served the Fort Worth community since relocating to Fort Worth in the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Knox Benton was the first woman to become principal at Dunbar High School and served that role for more than ten years garnering recognition from Reader's Digest as an American Hero in Education, being peer-selected as a Texas High School Principal of the Year, earning a Gold Performance Campus designation from the Texas Education Agency and a cash reward for the campus of \$117,550.00 for raising TAAS Test Scores; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Knox Benton is an active member of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, an historic Black church in the Fort Worth Northside serving parishioners in Fort Worth for over 120 years and she has been recognized by St. Peter's Presbyterian Church as 'A Woman Who Made A Difference' in the 'Stop Six' community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS, THAT:

In recognition of the many contributions to the City of Fort Worth by Shirley Knox Benton, sign toppers shall be placed at the intersections of Ramey Avenue and Robert Hughes Street and Fitzhugh Avenue and Robert Hughes Street in her honor.

Adopted this _____ day of _____ 2025.

ATTEST:

By: _____

Jannette S. Goodall, City Secretary