



A Resolution by Van Zandt County Commissioners Court Honoring Commissioner Virgil Melton, Jr.

WHEREAS, the passing of a man of service and patriotism marks an important occasion for those he leaves behind which reminds them to gratefully recount the cherished memories and everlasting legacy of their colleague and friends;

WHEREAS, Virgil Melton, Jr. will forever be remembered not only for his accomplishments as a Van Zandt County Commissioner, but more importantly, as a model citizen and elected representative who never wavered in his Christian duty to place the best interests of his family and his community above his own; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Melton's commitment to public service encapsulates his character – a man who loved with all of his strength, yet never required special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Virgil Melton, Jr. was always proud to be a native-born Texan and was a graduate of Canton High School and was a proud of being a member of the 1964 undefeated, unscored-on football team during the regular season; and

WHEREAS, Virgil married his beloved wife, Janice Casey Melton, on November 5, 1977, they then raised their son Chase Melton, as well as having a major hand in raising their nephew and nieces; and

WHEREAS, Virgil was chosen by his constituents to represent Precinct 2 on the Van Zandt County Commissioners Court in November of 2006, taking office on January 1st, 2007. He earned a reputation as an advocate for fiscal responsibility, constitutionalism, and personal liberty; and

WHEREAS, through 17 years of statesmanship on the court, Commissioner Melton placed Van Zandt County on a path toward continued success for our fellow citizens and now rests with our Lord; and

WHEREAS, prior to serving as Commissioner for Van Zandt County, Virgil was the Criminal District Courts' Manager for Dallas County for 29 years, managing 17 Criminal District Courts; and

WHEREAS, Virgil was involved with the creation of the Van Zant County Veterans Memorial in 2005 and has served on the board of directors ever since. Virgil served in the U.S. Marine Corps in the Vietnam War as a tank commander, earning a Purple Heart and Navy Commendation Medal for valor; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT we, the County Judge and Commissioners of Van Zandt County, hereby recognize and honor the life achievements of Virgil Melton, Jr.

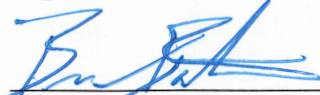
INTRODUCED, READ, AND PASSED by the affirmative vote of the Van Zandt County Commissioners Court on this 18th day of June 2024.


Andy Reese, Van Zandt County Judge


Chad LaPrade, Commissioner, Pct. 1


Virgil Melton, Jr., Commissioner, Pct. 2


Keith Pearson, Commissioner Pct. 3


Brandon Barton, Commissioner, Pct. 4