

WHEREAS, Williamson County takes great pride in its history and those who safeguard and cherish the significance of our local historic places; and

WHEREAS, The Taylor-Cooper House in Georgetown, TX has been the homestead of seven generations of the same family since 1869; and

WHEREAS, the Taylor-Cooper house has been granted the prestigious designation as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, that recognizes properties judged to be historically and architecturally significant; The Texas Historical Commission awards Recorded Texas Historic Landmark designations to buildings at least 50 years old that are worthy of preservation for their architectural and historical associations; and

WHEREAS, In May 1869, Emzy Taylor purchased eight empty lots, now an entire city block, between E. 4th and 5th Streets and S. Main and S. Church Streets, to construct a new home for his family, in 1880 an upstairs addition was added, in 1889, many elements of the Greek revival style was added to the limestone house, and in 1900 further additions to the home include a white wood exterior, which is also characteristic of Greek revival; and

WHEREAS, R.T. Cooper, Taylor's son in law, oversaw most of the updates after Taylor's death in 1895; and

WHEREAS, the home is a yearly treat for those who marvel at the beautiful field of red poppies, the home is currently inhabited by Mary Winnann Ewing, Emzy Taylor's great-great-granddaughter, and her husband; and

WHEREAS, Family homes with historic richness, such as the Taylor-Cooper House, have long been essential in maintaining the distinct heritage of Williamson County, and through their family's careful stewardship of the home, the Taylor-Cooper House can be enjoyed for generations to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Mary Winnann Ewing and her husband, as well as all the descendants of Emzy and Margaret Taylor be recognized for their dedication to the Taylor-Cooper House and for keeping Williamson County an area historically rich in modern times.

Bill Gravell, Jr., County Judge

Valerie Covey, Commissioner Pct. 3

Nancy Rister, County Clerk