

*State of Texas*  
*County of Williamson*  
*Know all men by these presents:*

That on the 9th day of January 2024 the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas met in duly called session at the Williamson County Courthouse, 710 Main Street, Georgetown, Texas, with the following members present:

Bill Gravell, Jr., County Judge  
Terry Cook, Commissioner Precinct One  
Cynthia P. Long, Commissioner Precinct Two  
Valerie Covey, Commissioner Precinct Three  
Russ Boles, Commissioner Precinct Four

And at said meeting, among other business, the Court considered the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Richard Ridings was born in 1946 with humble beginnings in Rocky Branch, Tennessee, in the Appalachian Mountains, where he often hunted for squirrels and other game, and developing a strong work ethic; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard grew up and went on to play college football for the New Mexico Aggies, where he received his professional engineering degree, was recognized as one of the best centers in the school's history and began a career as a professional football player, before injuring his knee and changing his professional goals; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard began his public works career as a laborer in Maryville, Tennessee working in water and wastewater utilities and served in many roles in the public sector including, Director of Public Works for the City of Austin and CEO of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority, where he pioneered the first electronic toll collection system in the United States, the "PikePass", to provide safe, convenient and efficient high-speed transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard Ridings started with HNTB in 1992 and was the inspiration for the company's expansion from Houston and Dallas to Austin, where he served as the Project Director and officially opened the Austin office at 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Congress Avenue in 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard is a nationally recognized expert in transportation, innovative financing of infrastructure, fast-track construction and regional transportation planning and was a leader in many of HNTB's successful, large projects, including the MoPac/US 183 Interchange, the Ben White/I-35 Interchange and the SH 45/US 183 Interchange; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard was instrumental in the formation of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (CTRMA), and its success has led to the establishment of many other regional mobility authorities throughout Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard served Williamson County as the Deputy Program Manager, becoming a trusted advisor for the Williamson County Road Bond Program for more than 20 years, from 2001 to 2023, and during this time, over 300 roadway projects progressed and 240 roadways were constructed with voter-approved funding, resulting in the construction of over 1,000 lane-miles of roadway; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard is known for his deep Christian faith, for serving on the Board of Deacons at River Bend Church, his positive attitude and resiliency, his generosity and support of causes in the community (such as Brown Santa), his smiles, hugs and love of fellow man, and enjoying an occasional oatmeal and raisin cookie.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Williamson County Commissioners Court, does hereby recognize Richard Ridings for his significant achievements, contributions, and exemplary public service record.

RESOLVED THIS 9<sup>TH</sup> Day of January 2024.

*Valerie Covey*  
Valerie Covey, Presiding Officer