



LINA HIDALGO

March 23, 2021

AGENDA LETTER

Retirement

Commissioners Court
1001 Preston Street, 9th Floor
Houston, TX 77002

Dear Commissioners:

The following item is recommended for the March 30, 2021 Commissioners Court agenda:

Request for approval of a resolution commending and congratulating Ginger Harper for 48.7 years of service to Harris County.

Sincerely,

Lina Hidalgo
County Judge

LH/jm

Resolution

WHEREAS, Ginger Harper, Director of the Youth Services Division of Harris County Resources for Children and Adults (formerly Harris County Protective Services), will retire after 48.7 years of dedicated service with Harris County; and

WHEREAS, Ginger Harper graduated from Texas Woman's University in 1972 and is certified as an LMSW-AP in Texas. She joined Harris County Juvenile Probation (HCJP) after graduation. She began her career as a secretary, then a probation officer, and then as a Community Youth Services Specialist (CYS); and

WHEREAS, in 1979, CYS was transferred from Juvenile Probation to Harris County Child Welfare, later known as Harris County Children's Protective Services, and now Harris County Resources for Children and Adults. Ms. Harper served as a CYS supervisor, CYS Assistant Director, CYS Director, and finally as the Director of the Youth Services Division; and

WHEREAS, Ginger Harper was instrumental in the development of the Parent-Teen Survival Program, the Parenting with Love and Limits curriculum, the Truancy Learning Camp, Truancy Intervention Prevention Program, the JP Court Program, the Youth Advisory Council, the My Brother's Keeper (MBK) initiative, the Systems of Care and Wraparound initiative, the development of the Youth and Family Resource Services, and the development of the Prevention Child and Adolescent Needs and Strength assessment instrument; and

WHEREAS, Ginger Harper served on numerous committees, including City of Houston Health Department; MBK Initiative; Communities in Schools, and numerous others; and

WHEREAS, Ginger Harper exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a true caregiver and public servant. Her leadership and tireless efforts have helped guide the department's work for almost half a century to better the lives of children and adults in Harris County: now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Harris County Commissioners Court commends and congratulates

GINGER HARPER

for 48.7 years of public service to the residents of Harris County and extends its best wishes for success and happiness in her well-earned retirement,

It is hereby **ORDERED** that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of Commissioners Court this 30th day of March 2021.

LINA HIDALGO, County Judge

RODNEY ELLIS, Commissioner
Precinct One

ADRIAN GARCIA, Commissioner
Precinct Two

TOM S. RAMSEY, P.E., Commissioner
Precinct Three

R. JACK CAGLE, Commissioner
Precinct Four

ATTEST:

Teneshia Hudspeth, County Clerk
Harris County, Texas