

Frank Phillips College

Resolution Honoring Eugene "Gene" Rahll

Date: March 16, 2026

WHEREAS, Eugene "Gene" Rahll was a dedicated citizen who exemplified a life of service, stating, "We have gotten such pleasure from being able to help others. No one could be happier or more content with their life than I am," and consistently emphasizing the importance of giving back to the community;

WHEREAS, Mr. Rahll began his esteemed career at New Holland Machine Company in 1963, which led him to Dalhart, where he met and married Louise Rahll on October 15, 1966, forming a partnership that profoundly impacted the future of Dalhart;

WHEREAS, in 1982, Gene and Louise moved to Dalhart and embarked on a journey of community service, with Gene later being elected Mayor of Dalhart, demonstrating unwavering commitment to the town they embraced as their home despite having no generational ties;

WHEREAS, during his tenure as mayor, Mr. Rahll tirelessly worked to enhance Dalhart, securing new industries, including leading the establishment of the TDCJ Prison Unit, which created over two hundred jobs and bolstered the local economy;

WHEREAS, Mr. Rahll's vision for the community extended to the development of parks, playgrounds, and event centers, aimed at enriching lives and fostering family connections;

WHEREAS, Mr. Rahll's generosity continued beyond his mayoral term, leading to the establishment of the Louise and Gene Rahll Learning Center in 2018, enabling students to pursue education locally, along with the creation of a Welding and Diesel Training Facility that has transformed many lives, fostering career and technical education;

WHEREAS, acknowledging the need for recreational facilities in Dalhart, Mr. and Mrs. Rahll also funded the construction of the Rahll Activity Center, providing diverse opportunities for recreation for all community members;

WHEREAS, Mr. Rahll recently pledged \$10 million to the Dallam-Hartley Counties Hospital District for a new nursing home, contingent upon the community raising \$5 million, thereby encouraging collective community participation and showcasing his belief in the power of contributions;

WHEREAS, Gene Rahll's devotion and philanthropy have created a lasting legacy that will benefit future generations, fostering opportunities and blessings for the citizens of Dalhart;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Frank Phillips College Board of Regents extends its heartfelt gratitude to Eugene "Gene" Rahll for his service and

contributions to the Dalhart community, recognizing that his spirit of generosity shall continue to inspire all citizens of Dalhart;