

## **RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF**

### **DR. MARY L. THOMAS**

#### **Celebrating a Life of Educational Excellence and Service**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Mary Thomas devoted her life to the noble profession of education, serving students, families, and colleagues with unwavering commitment, integrity, and compassion; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Thomas exemplified excellence in scholarship, earning advanced degrees and distinctions that reflected both her intellectual rigor and her steadfast belief in the transformative power of education; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout her over 40 years in public education, Dr. Thomas championed academic achievement, equity, and opportunity for all students, ensuring that each child—regardless of circumstance—was seen, supported, and challenged to reach their highest potential; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Thomas's contributions in public education included time as a teacher, principal, central office administrator, and as a Manor ISD Trustee since 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Thomas served as a mentor and role model to educators and leaders, fostering professional growth, innovation, and a culture of collaboration that strengthened the entire educational community; and

**WHEREAS**, her leadership was marked by vision, wisdom, and humility, inspiring those around her to pursue excellence not only in their work, but in their character; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Thomas's contributions extended beyond the classroom and campus, enriching the broader community through advocacy, partnership, and service; and

**WHEREAS**, her legacy lives on in the countless students whose lives were changed by her encouragement, the educators she mentored, and the institutions she helped to strengthen;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that her colleagues on the Board of Trustees and the Superintendent of Manor ISD, her Team of 8, honor and celebrate the extraordinary life and educational achievements of Dr. Mary Thomas;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we express our deepest sympathy to her family, friends, colleagues, and all who were touched by her life; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we commit ourselves to carrying forward her legacy of excellence, equity, and unwavering dedication to students; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this resolution be presented to the family of Dr. Mary Thomas as a lasting tribute to her remarkable life and enduring impact.