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Superintendent of Schools

A RESOLUTION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF TERRELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NAMING A HALLWAY AT GILBERT WILLIE SR. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO BE NAMED IN HONOR OF JACOB STOKES.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Board Policy CW Local, The Board shall have the right to name or rename facilities or portions thereof; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Board Policy CW Local, the Superintendent received a written proposal to name a hallway at Gilbert Willie Sr. Elementary School in Honor of Jacob Daniel Stokes, and pursuant to Policy, the Board appointed a Facilities Naming Committee to consider the proposal, and the committee has recommended to the full board that a hallway at Gilbert Willie Sr. Elementary School (GWE) be named in Honor of Jacob Stokes.

WHEREAS, Jacob Daniel Stokes was an age 8, third-grade elementary student at GWE of Terrell Independent School District, passed away on September 3, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Jacob Stokes attended Terrell Independent School District Schools since the age of five, starting in kinder; and

WHEREAS, though Jacob lived with Prader-Willi Syndrome, he was known for his joyful spirit, his love for learning, and his gift of greeting everyone with hugs. He delighted in silly dances and helping others in any way he could. Jacob's radiant happiness and caring heart touched all who knew him and will continually challenge us to make the hard decision of choosing joy every day.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Board Policy CW Local, the naming of a District facility is a significant event in the life of the District and community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TERRELL ISD:

RESOLVED, that by virtue of Jacob's radiant happiness and caring heart (helping others in any way he could) touched all who knew him and will continually challenge us to make the hard decision of choosing joy every day, the School Board now finds that it is appropriate and deserving to name a hallway at Gilbert Willie Sr. Elementary School in Honor of Jacob Stokes.

RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution shall be available to the constituents of the School Board of Terrell Independent School District and other interested parties.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of October 2025, by the Board of Trustees of Terrell ISD.

President, Terrell ISD Board of Trustees

Signed _____

Secretary, Terrell ISD Board of Trustees

Signed _____

Name a hallway at Gilbert Willie Sr. Elementary School in Honor of Jacob Stokes.