



## PROCLAMATION

### RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 15, 2026 AS VESSIE DAVIS TUTT DAY IN CALDWELL COUNTY

**WHEREAS:** Vessie Davis Tutt was born in rural St. John Colony, Caldwell County, Texas, in 1926; and

**WHEREAS:** Vessie Davis Tutt is a direct descendant of Andrew and Laura Davis, among the original trailblazers who settled St. John Colony in Caldwell County in 1870; and

**WHEREAS:** Vessie Davis Tutt was the last child delivered by her grandmother, Laura Davis, who served as a midwife in the community prior to her passing; and

**WHEREAS:** Vessie Davis Tutt was born to Reverend S. L. Davis and his wife, Willie (also known as Willia) Cora Thompson Davis, both of whom were born and raised in the St. John (also known as John's) Colony near Dale in Caldwell County; and

**WHEREAS:** Reverend S. L. Davis and Willie Cora Davis were married in 1916, shared seventy-two (72) years of marriage, and together reared eleven (11) children; and

**WHEREAS:** Vessie Davis Tutt was the fifth child of Reverend S. L. and Willie Cora Davis, "of those that lived," and spent her formative years in St. John Colony, Caldwell County; and

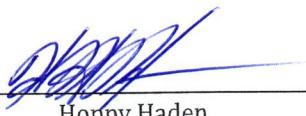
**WHEREAS:** Vessie Davis Tutt attended schools supported by the local church community and was raised with a strong foundation of faith, service, and responsibility to care for neighbors and uplift the broader community; and

**WHEREAS:** Vessie Davis Tutt traveled extensively, developed meaningful career paths, raised successful children, and provided aid and service to communities wherever she resided; and

**WHEREAS:** Vessie Davis Tutt has lived through pivotal historical events and challenging eras that shaped her into a respected example of resilience, perseverance, and inspiration within her community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF CALDWELL COUNTY, TEXAS, THAT** February 15, 2026, is hereby recognized as: **VESSIE DAVIS TUTT DAY** in Caldwell County.

PROCLAIMED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.



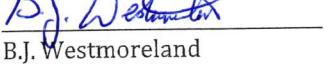
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Caldwell County Judge



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Commissioner, Precinct 2



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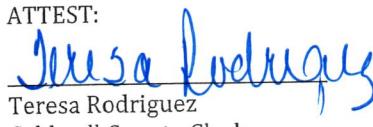


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B.J. Westmoreland  
Commissioner, Precinct 1



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Ed Theriot  
Commissioner, Precinct 3

ATTEST:



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Teresa Rodriguez  
Caldwell County Clerk

