



EL PASO COUNTY STATE OF TEXAS

RESOLUTION



WHEREAS, the El Paso Black Hall of Fame has been established by Black El Paso Voice to honor and recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the community, encouraging unity and inspiration; and

WHEREAS, the inaugural class of inductees includes 17 distinguished leaders who have shaped El Paso's cultural, civic, and professional landscape, embodying the spirit of excellence and dedication; and

WHEREAS, these inductees have demonstrated remarkable achievements in various fields, leaving lasting impacts on the community and inspiring future generations; and

WHEREAS, Major General Edward Greer, one of the Army's first Black general officers and a distinguished member of the inaugural class, sadly passed away on January 29, 2025, at the age of 100, leaving behind a legacy of service and leadership that will continue to inspire future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the El Paso County Judge and Commissioners Court proudly recognize the Inaugural El Paso Black Hall of Fame Induction and honor the 17 inaugural inductees for their outstanding contributions and achievements, including the posthumous recognition of Major General Edward Greer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the month of March 2025 is officially celebrated as the Inaugural El Paso Black Hall of Fame Induction Month in El Paso County, Texas, inspiring unity, progress, and the celebration of Black excellence in our community.

The Inaugural Class:

Marian Bennett, retired educator and coach,

Cheree Coleman, prominent businesswoman and community activist,

Edward Greer, Army Major General (posthumous),

Frances Hills, retired supervisory mathematician/systems analyst at Fort Bliss and community volunteer,

Cynthia D. Horton, a leader in business, mentorship, and community,

Aaron Jones, NFL player, supporter of youth initiatives and community philanthropist

Alvin Jones, former NFL player, supporter of youth initiatives and community philanthropist,

Juan O. Lawson, the first Black PhD professor at the University of Texas at El Paso and an esteemed faith leader

Dana Pittard, retired Army Major General and the first Black commanding general at Fort Bliss, Cephus “Dusty”

Rhodes, a retired Army lieutenant colonel and city official

SIGNED, this 10th day of March 2025

Commissioner Jackie Butler, Pct. 1

Commissioner David C. Stout, Pct. 2

Commissioner Iliana Holguin, Pct. 3

Commissioner Sergio Coronado, Pct. 4

Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge