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Resolution

- Whereas** Allen Threatt, Senior, was a visionary, entrepreneur, and legacy-builder,
- Whereas** Allen Threatt, along with his wife, Alberta, and their 11 children homesteaded a quarter-section of land on old Route 7 back when Luther was a new town, and Oklahoma was a new state,
- Whereas** The family grew crops in the red dirt, sold produce, and quarried native sandstone,
- Whereas** Mr. Threatt built a filling station out of the native sandstone on old Route 7 that would become the legendary Route 66,
- Whereas** The filling station added a store, cafe, outdoor stage, baseball fields, and other attractions, making Mr. Threatt one of the most successful and respected businessmen around,
- Whereas** The Threatt Filling Station became a safe haven for Black Travelers during the Jim Crow Era,
- Whereas** In 1950, Allen Threatt died too young at the age of 57, and his son, Ulysees and his wife, Elizabeth, took over the family business.
- Whereas** Elizabeth Threatt was a beloved teacher educating generations of children at Booker T Washington School, and, after integration, at Luther Schools, and lived in the station until her death in 2009,
- Whereas** The family has maintained ownership of the land and is actively restoring the Threatt Filling Station,
- Whereas** The National Trust for Historic Preservation included the Threatt Filling Station and Family Farm to the 2021 list of America's 11-Most Endangered Historic Places.

Therefore the Town of Luther Board of Trustees celebrates the legacy of Allen Threatt, Sr., his induction into the Oklahoma Route 66 Hall of Fame, and efforts to restore the property as an historic landmark to be enjoyed for generations to come. – July, 28, 2022



Terry Arps, Mayor





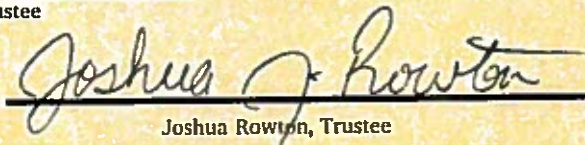
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