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## **City Statement on the Passing of Dorothy Roberts Burns**

Wichita Falls, Texas- The City of Wichita Falls is saddened at the passing of Dorothy Roberts Burns. In her 88-years of life, she had a widespread impact on Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Roberts Burns worked for the City for four decades in several different roles, including serving on the Wichita Falls City Council.

In 1978, she began working at the Martin Luther King Center where she was instrumental in the establishment and growth of the center. She also started the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship and Prayer Breakfast, which has benefited hundreds of students with scholarships while raising awareness and honoring Dr. King.

“She never stopped serving our city, and her loss will be felt throughout Wichita Falls. We send our condolences to her family and friends,” said City Manager Darron Leiker.

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