

Scores celebrate naming of Euline Brock Downtown Denton Transit Center



Denton Mayor Pro Tem Pete Kamp recalled a walk she took when her mentor, Euline Brock, sat on the Denton City Council.

The two turned onto Hickory Street with Brock pointing out places she felt different businesses could and should go, Kamp said.

Now, years later, a number of businesses on Hickory lead to 604 E. Hickory St., the site of the Euline Brock Downtown Denton Transit Center.

Tuesday morning, a few scores of people including residents and city and state officials were on hand as the city of Denton and the

Denton County Transportation Authority dedicated the building to honor Brock for her years of public service and dedication.

“I never expected it, but I am thrilled and humbled and awed,” Brock said after the parade of people wanting pictures with her and the dedication plaque died down. “Particularly, this building and this setting — with the place for the bicycles and buses — is something I really didn’t think I would live long enough to see,” she said. “What’s here is a dream come true. I am particularly humbled to be associated with that.”

Brock was an at-large member of the Denton City Council from 1992 to 1998, serving as mayor pro tem from 1994 to 1998, and she went on to serve as mayor from 2000 to 2006.

Kamp, DCTA board chairman Charles Emery and U.S. Rep. Michael Burgess spoke during the dedication ceremony, praising Brock for her work.

“The transit center appropriately carries your name. You were a faithful champion of this organization and I am most grateful,” Emery said.

Brock’s remarks were part gratitude and part history lesson, noting some changes that have occurred in Denton through the years.

While waiting her turn for a picture with Brock and the plaque display, Elinor Hughes, who served as a council member from 1975 to 1979 and mayor for two of those years, said she could not imagine anyone more deserving.

“Not just of what she has done to make this come to pass, but 20 years of service,” Hughes said. “I was on the council four years and I was exhausted at the end. I don’t know how she does it; [she’s] probably the most devoted civil servant that I have ever had contact with.” - By Bj Lewis, Staff Writer

