

State of Texas §
County of Comal §

Proclamation

Recognizing Living Legend 2016 Clinton Brandt

WHEREAS, Clinton Brandt has worked around electronics, radar and navigation systems in the military and as a civilian for most of his life, and has navigated through his personal life with extraordinary service to family, church, community and country; and

WHEREAS, Originally from the New Braunfels area, Clinton's father lost his job as a taxi driver during the Great Depression, and as conditions worsened, the family moved to a farm near Fashing, where Brandt was born in 1932, and lived his early years in a converted hay barn; and

WHEREAS, As the Depression wound down, the Brandts returned to Comal County, where Clinton attended school in a one-room schoolhouse off Highway 46 near Smithson Valley, followed by schools in New Braunfels, graduating from New Braunfels High School in 1951.

WHEREAS, The day after graduation, Clinton began basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, later being sent to Airborne Electronics School, where after 21 weeks he became an instructor; and when the Air Force needed volunteers to go to Korea in 1954, Brandt answered the call, being sent to a troop carrier squadron in Japan, quickly promoted and put in charge of the squadron's electronics – while continuing to make innovations to a variety of radio and navigation systems – and for his service, Clinton was awarded the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Air Force Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, Clinton returned to New Braunfels in 1955, marrying Doris Wegner, whom he had met while working at the downtown Capital Theatre in high school, and beginning his career with the Federal Aviation Agency, worked on several types of ground navigation systems until his retirement some 30 years later; and

WHEREAS, Clinton's volunteer work has included serving as New Braunfels City Councilman and eventually mayor; as fund drive chairman for the United Way; as president of the Evening Lions Club; as member of the board of directors, president, Grosse Opa and Opa Emeritus of the Wurstfest Association; and, with Doris, delivering Meals on Wheels for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, With five children, Clinton involved himself in the volunteer opportunities available to parents as a member of the New Braunfels High School PTA, as band booster president, and with the New Braunfels Little League – along with teaching Sunday school, and serving as superintendent of Sunday school and on the Church Council at First Protestant Church; and

WHEREAS, When the 1905 First Protestant Church clock stopped in the 1970s, Clinton volunteered to use his expertise to fix and maintain one of the few operational mechanical clocks in the United States, winding and maintaining the iconic eight-day timepiece weekly for the past 30 years; and

WHEREAS, For these extraordinary contributions, the Braunfels Foundation Trust felt it was high time to name Clinton Brandt a Living Legend of New Braunfels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners Court of Comal County, Texas, proclaims **Clinton Brandt** to be a Living Legend in Comal County.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 29th day of September 2016.

Sherman Krause, County Judge

Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct 1

Scott Haag, Commissioner Pct 2

Kevin Webb, Commissioner Pct 3

Jen Crownover, Commissioner Pct 4

Attest: _____
Bobbie Koepp, County Clerk