



Proclamation

2012 Living Legend Fred B. Willard

Whereas: Fred B. Willard is named a "Living Legend of New Braunfels" because of his many contributions to the character of New Braunfels, through his singing talents in community choirs, barbershop quartets and choruses, as well as for his love of old and special interest automobiles; and

Whereas: A sixth generation Texan, Fred Bailey Willard was born in Cuero, Texas, on January 17, 1938, the second child and only son of Fred and Allene Willard. The family lived in Cuero, Yoakum, and Bridgeport while Fred's father worked for the Soil Conservation Service; eventually moving back to Giddings, where Fred and his sister, Sue, went to school. Fred was the high school drum major, played trombone in the band, was the Outstanding Science Student, and participated in the high school choral program, an interest he has enjoyed all his life; and

Whereas: Fred attended Southwest Texas State Teachers College (also known as Texas State) in San Marcos; but having known since eighth grade that he wanted to be a dentist, he applied and was accepted to the University of Texas Dental Branch in Houston from where, upon graduation, Fred was commissioned as a First Lieutenant in the United States Army Dental Corps; and

Whereas: In 1960 during his junior year in dental school, Fred married Colleen Pierson whom he had met in college. The couple's first son William (Will) was born while Fred was in the service, while their younger son, Benton, was born in New Braunfels; Fred and Colleen are the grandparents of eleven grandchildren; and

Whereas: Fred, like so many others, enjoyed the central Texas area, and learned about a possible practice for sale in New Braunfels; a city with only seven general dentists and three dental specialists practicing in a town of 14,000 people. Fred opened his practice on March 1, 1965, and in 2000, sold the practice to Dr. Horacio Lucero with whom he still works at Mission Hill Dental; and

Whereas: Dr. Willard believes in giving back to New Braunfels, the place where he derives his livelihood by being involved in dozens of civic and professional organizations and endeavors; such as the New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce, where in 1985, he was honored with the President's Award for Community Service and in 2002, his portrait was hung in their Hall of Honor; he volunteered as a board member with the Heritage Society; he has served on numerous committees including chairing the Society's Heritage Exhibit; he is active at the Sophienburg Museum and has served as both a past board member, past board president, and as chair of the ongoing Reflections Program; and can be found driving one of his antique cars in the annual July 4th and County Fair parades; and

Whereas: Dr. Willard has been involved with the New Braunfels Rotary Club for forty five years, honored as having the longest active membership in the club, including forty five years of perfect attendance; he is a Paul Harris Fellow, a three-time Rotarian of the Year, and a district governor's representative to other clubs in the district; and

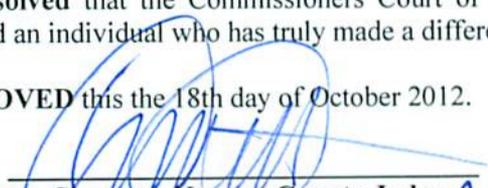
Whereas: Dr. Willard is also deeply devoted to Christian service; he is extremely blessed to have been an organizer and Ruling Elder of Christ Presbyterian Church (PCA) in New Braunfels, volunteering as a teaching missionary dentist at Kwangju Christian Hospital in Kwangju, South Korea, and with Bill Glass Prison Ministry; and enjoys ringing the bell for the Salvation Army; and

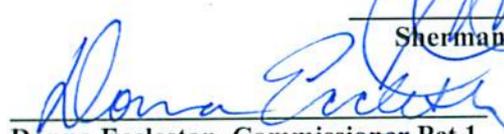
Whereas: Fred's love of cars has enabled him to make significant contributions as a charter and twenty-year member of the New Braunfels Area Car Club and as a founder of the New Braunfels Area Car Club Swap Meet and Car Show;

Whereas: Just as an original license frame on his Model A Ford proclaims New Braunfels as "The Beauty Spot of Texas," the Braunfels Foundation Trust recognizes the contributions of **Dr. Fred Willard** as a truly extraordinary citizen of New Braunfels.

Now Therefore, Be it Resolved that the Commissioners Court of Comal County recognizes **Fred Bailey Willard** as a Living Legend and an individual who has truly made a difference in Comal County.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 18th day of October 2012.


Sherman Krause, County Judge


Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct 1


Scott Haag, Commissioner Pct 2


Gregory Parker, Commissioner Pct 3


Jan Kennady, Commissioner Pct 4




Joy Streater, County Clerk