



# Proclamation

## 2012 Living Legend Lorenz Franz Bading

**Whereas:** The Braunfels Foundation is privileged recognize a member of "America's Greatest Generation," Lorenz Franz Bading, as a "Living Legend of New Braunfels;" and

**Whereas:** Lorenz Bading's life of accomplishments began when he was born on the family farm, into a musical family with deep roots in Comal County and New Braunfels; and

**Whereas:** Lorenz, a farmer, a soldier, a rancher, a musician, a bandleader, a builder and volunteer, worked with his father on their farm, a Texas Department of Agriculture Family Land Heritage farm that has been involved in agriculture since the family arrived in Texas in 1848, learning the creativity, skills, and organization that would last him a lifetime. Lorenz and his father invented and built a wind-powered gristmill, molasses press, and other small implements; and because of these deep roots, Lorenz is devoted to preserving farmland as a resource for the community and nation and has worked with various city and county agencies regarding land use and planning to ensure conservation; and

**Whereas:** Lorenz enlisted in the New Braunfels-based 133th Field Artillery Regimental Band of the Texas National Guard in April of 1937, and in 1940, the Guard was activated, and Lorenz became a full-time soldier; and on September 8, 1943, on that famous first day of the campaign to liberate Italy, Lorenz was among those American soldiers that landed on the beachhead; and he continued to serve with the 39<sup>th</sup> Division as the campaign progressed through Europe and until the war's end in 1945; and upon returning home, Lorenz was promoted to Warrant Officer, reorganized the 36<sup>th</sup> Division Band now head-quartered at Camp Mabry in Austin, devoting 67 years to preserve the legacy of the 36<sup>th</sup> Division Infantry Band; and

**Whereas:** Lorenz returned to New Braunfels to civilian life in 1945 and to Lottie, his wife of almost 72 years, and their daughters, Laurel and Lanette, he worked at Richards and Krueger Lumber Company, later becoming manager and partner; and in 1968, after establishing his own company, *Homes by Lorenz*. Lorenz founded and served as president of the Comal County Builders Association serving as a representative to local, state, and national homebuilders' associations; and

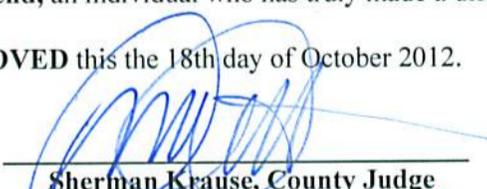
**Whereas:** Lorenz has served the New Braunfels community as a member and president of the New Braunfels Rotary Club, board member of Crystal Clear Water Supply Corporation for twenty nine years, member and past Post Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a member of the American Legion; and he continues his efforts to ensure that all veterans receive the appreciation and recognition they deserve, and for years graded the essays of local middle schools and high schools in the *Patriot Pen* and *Voice of Democracy* competitions; and

**Whereas:** Lorenz's love of music has always been an essential part of his life and at 12, he played the accordion in several community bands and orchestras, including the New Braunfels Municipal Band; he organized and led a Big Band dance orchestra for forty years;

**Whereas:** Lorenz' lifelong dedication to the community of New Braunfels, through his work and voluntary service in many fields has earned him the distinction of the Braunfels Foundation Trust's "Living Legends" honor, for his part in making New Braunfels such a wonderful place to live.

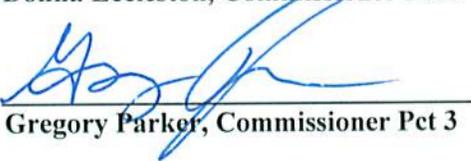
**Now Therefore, Be it Resolved** that the Commissioners Court of Comal County recognizes **Lorenz Franz Bading as a Living Legend**, an individual who has truly made a difference in Comal County.

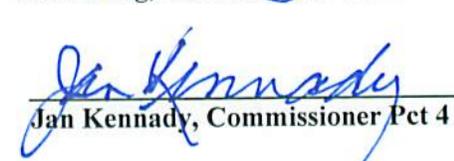
PASSED AND APPROVED this the 18th day of October 2012.

  
Sherman Krause, County Judge

  
Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct 1

  
Scott Haag, Commissioner Pct 2

  
Gregory Parker, Commissioner Pct 3

  
Jan Kennedy, Commissioner Pct 4



Attest:

  
Joy Streater, County Clerk