



3. Central County
4. Recognition of Sherry
to the Human Resources Department and to

Proclamation

Recognizing Living Legend 2013 Gladys Staats Bartling

Whereas: The New Braunfels Foundation trust has named **Gladys Staats Bartling** as a "Living Legend of New Braunfels"; and

Whereas: Gladys Staats Bartling was born on the family farm near Schumannsville in Guadalupe County. She started school at Union Wein County School speaking only German. The family, including sister, Adelaine Biggers and brother, Alton, would eventually move to town. Because of an illness, Gladys started school again, but this time at Carl Schurz Elementary. Gladys graduated from New Braunfels High School in 1953 at age sixteen and ranked number three in her class. Following graduation, she attended Durham Business College and began working as a secretary bookkeeper at Bock Motor Company. Gladys married Korean War veteran Helmuth Bartling in 1954. The couple spent many happy years following the activities and sporting adventures of their nieces and nephews including church youth trips. While working at First Protestant Church as an executive secretary and bookkeeper, Gladys and Helmuth were encouraged to, and enlisted the help of, Reverend Richard Kuretsch to adopt their two children, Gordon and Julie; and

Whereas: For fourteen years, Gladys volunteered in various positions in the PTA including City Council PTA president. For her contributions, she was awarded Texas PTA's highest honor, Life Membership Award. A leader in 4-H, in Scouts, in Church Youth, and in the Aggies Mother's Club, Gladys ran for and was elected to the New Braunfels ISD School Board in 1983. She served on many Long Range Planning Committees and received the NBISD's highest volunteer honor, the Silver Unicorn Award; and

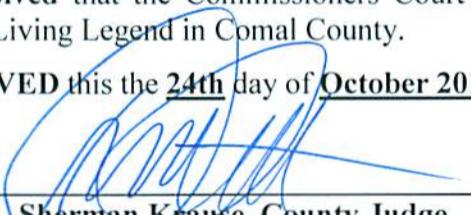
Whereas: In 1988, Gladys initiated and coordinated with First Protestant Church and a dozen other churches in the community to create perhaps her most well known accomplishment: The Spirit of Sharing or SOS Food Bank. A little more than five years later, the Food Bank, with the support of seventeen churches and agencies in New Braunfels, had its own home at 248 West Merriweather; and

Whereas: Gladys was persuaded to volunteer with the Comal County Senior Citizens Center to help create a new Senior Citizens Center. As director of that organization, Gladys opened the doors in 1991 to yet another community resource in New Braunfels; and

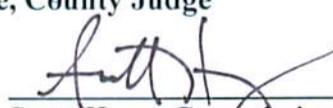
Whereas: A member of First Protestant Church, Gladys sings in the Sanctuary Choir, is active in Women's Fellowship, and chairs a bereavement committee. She is currently on the Salvation Army Board of Directors, the President of the SOS Food Bank, a docent with the Heritage Society, a member of the Sophienburg Museum, Comal County Genealogy Society, and Comal County Senior Citizens Foundation. Gladys is also an alumnus of the New Braunfels Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association, a member of the American Legion Post 35 Auxiliary, VFW Post 7110 Auxiliary, and President of the AARP Chapter 1823. Gladys was a member of the 1993 Leadership New Braunfels class and among her other accomplishments, received the Herald Zeitung's Unsung Hero Award in 1993. In her spare time, Gladys works part-time for Cell-U-Insul, Inc., occasionally for Caterall, and since 2001 at Wurstfest;

Now Therefore, Be it Resolved that the Commissioners Court of Comal County proclaims **Gladys Staats Bartling** to be a Living Legend in Comal County.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 24th day of October 2013.


Sherman Krause, County Judge


Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct 1

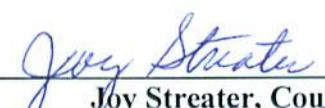

Scott Haag, Commissioner Pct 2


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Jan Kennady, Commissioner Pct 4



Attest:


Joy Streater, County Clerk


Cynthia Jaquez, Deputy