



State of Texas §

County of Comal §

Proclamation

LIVING LEGENDS DAY

WHEREAS, W.L. "Bill" Schumann was honored as a "Living Legend of New Braunfels" by the Braunfels Foundation Trust during a dinner celebration on October 11, 2011, at the New Braunfels Civic and Convention Center for his outstanding contributions in the fields of agriculture and horticulture in a lifetime of distinguishing the landscape and character of New Braunfels and Comal County; and

WHEREAS, Bill Schumann was born June 8, 1927 in Sugar Land, Texas, and graduated from Texas A&M and continued his studies with graduate courses at Colorado State University and Arboriculture studies at the United States Forest Service; and

WHEREAS, Two months after Bill Schumann's graduation from A&M in 1950, the Korean War erupted, and he left for Germany and served as a 1st Lieutenant in the United States Army in V Corps Artillery European Command, and later in the Texas State Guard; and

WHEREAS, Bill Schumann worked in professional capacities in several areas of Texas, and ended his career as the County Extension Agent in Comal County where he served for 22 years with a distinguished record of service; and

WHEREAS, Bill Schumann was a member of the committee that organized the first Comal County Junior Livestock Show in 1968, organized the first Men's Garden Club in Comal County, and introduced several trees to interested landowners. Under his guidance, the South Texas Christmas Tree Association was born. He established the Leadership Camp for Comal County 4-H Club members and the 4-H Exchange Program for counties in Central Texas; and

WHEREAS, Bill Schumann was involved with the Edwards Aquifer Authority for many years and served on the Water Development Committee. He and his wife, Delores, formulated a plan they presented to Comal County Commissioners Court that would eventually create Comal County's Water Oriented Recreation District. He had a weekly news column in the Herald Zeitung and a weekly radio program. After he retired in 1987, he produced the call-in gardening program, "Gardening Around the House" that aired on KGNB Radio for 14 years with Ron Friesenhahn. He was on KGNB radio over a period of 22 years, and

WHEREAS, Bill Schumann co-authored "A Garden for all Seasons" with Dr. Dorris Brown and later implemented Dr. Brown's idea to preserve the antique roses found in New Braunfels and Comal County by establishing the Antique Rose Conservatory at the New Braunfels Conservation Society. He was the leader in many landscape improvements throughout the city, including the introduction of drip irrigation systems. With his wife, Delores, he enlisted the help of Texas A&M Forestry Specialists to identify the 74 different species of trees growing in Landa Park and Delores wrote and published the "Self-Guiding Tree Trail Guide" for Landa Park, and

WHEREAS, Bill Schumann has earned many awards in his professional career as well as for his numerous volunteer contributions making New Braunfels and Comal County a unique and lovely place to live and work. Included in the long list of honors is the naming of the William and Delores Schumann Arboretum in Landa Park; and

WHEREAS, Bill Schumann has been a leader of numerous charitable and civic organizations and has been married to Delores for over 61 years, with four adult children, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners' Court of Comal County, duly convened and acting in its capacity as the governing body of Comal County, does hereby name October 13, 2011 as "Living Legends Day" in Comal County and recognizes W.L. "Bill" Schumann as an individual who has truly made a difference in Comal County.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 13th day of October 2011.


Sherman Kease, County Judge


Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pet 1


Scott Haag, Commissioner, Pet 2


Gregory Parker, Commissioner Pet 3


Jan Kennedy, Commissioner, Pet 4




Joy Streater, County Clerk