

State of Texas *

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County of Comal *

Proclamation

Recognizing 2022 Living Legend Ray Still

WHEREAS, Ray Burton Still has a calling that led him to his profession as a pastor, and fortunately for us, to New Braunfels, where because of the impact he has on our community, the Braunfels Foundation Trust recognizes him as a Living Legend of New Braunfels; and

WHEREAS, Ray was born in Houston the youngest of six children to his father Ross, who was a World War II veteran and his mother Nedra who kept their children involved in the church; Ray attended High School at Broadway Baptist School where he played basketball and was team captain, and most significantly where Ray met Sandra Pullen, his high school sweetheart and wife of 42 years; and

WHEREAS, shortly after graduation Ray and Sandra married, he enrolled at San Jacinto Junior College, and he went to work part time at the upscale Adam's Mark Hotel; and

WHEREAS, a few years later while taking classes at the University of Houston, Ray became Assistant Pastor and then Senior Pastor at Broadway Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Ray was asked to interview for the job as pastor of a fledgling church in New Braunfels, which he was not initially inclined to accept, but fellow 2022 Living Legend Bill Morton shared the vision of what Oakwood could be, and Ray took the job and moved to New Braunfels; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Ray has been at Oakwood for nearly thirty years, and during this time and through his leadership, the Church has grown both in congregants and outreach; including a counseling center that handles over 3,000 sessions annually for Oakwood, New Braunfels, and surrounding communities; and Oakwood's Heart of Hope Christmas program providing families in our community with dinner, coats, groceries, and gifts for kids; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Ray also led the effort to establish New Braunfels Christian Ministries, including its Volunteers in Medicine Clinic, which partners with CHRISTUS Santa Rosa New Braunfels and Resolute Health New Braunfels to provide quality medical and dental care at no cost to uninsured residents of New Braunfels and Comal County, and its Harvest Food Pantry which provides groceries for families of school-age children; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Ray has been a Trustee on the McKenna Hospital Board; was a founding member of the McKenna Foundation Trust; served on the boards of CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Systems, Howard Payne University, New Braunfels Christian Ministries, and Houston Baptist University; and served as Chairman of the City of New Braunfels 2013, 2019, and current Chair of the 2023 Bond Advisory Committees; and

WHEREAS, Ray received the 2018 Baptist Health Foundation of San Antonio Spirit of Health Award; he was honored for his leadership of the Kids' Club program, which provided daily snacks and meals to more than 250 under-resourced elementary school students, and the Kids' Club Garden, which provides fresh produce for students, families, and Volunteers in Medicine patients; he was awarded the Chair of the Board Award in 2018 in the field of Community Development; and in 2020 he was given the Besserung Award in recognition of his time, talent, and expertise during the bond issue efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Braunfels Foundation Trust will celebrate the 2022 Living Legends of New Braunfels at a luncheon on October 3rd at the McKenna Events Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Comal County Commissioners Court, acting in its capacity as the governing body of Comal County, does hereby recognize and commend Ray Still for being named by the Braunfels Foundation Trust as a Living Legend in Comal County.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 29th day of September, 2022.


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 Koeppe, County Clerk

