



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, today we celebrate an extraordinary milestone, the 90th birthday of Barbara Jean Lee, an individual who has lived essentially every day of her life in Coppell and dedicated much of her life to improving the community we all enjoy today; and

**WHEREAS**, her family owned farmland in the area from the time of Alexander Gentry's arrival in 1858 until the construction of DFW Airport in 1969; and

**WHEREAS**, Barbara's early memories include playing at beautiful Grapevine Springs Park, attending the Coppell School (now known as Pinkerton Elementary) through the 8th grade, and graduating from Carrollton High School in 1953; and

**WHEREAS**, she married Richard Lee in 1956, whom she had met while attending the Coppell School, raised three children in Coppell and continued the legacy of the Gentry family by faithfully serving at First Baptist Church Coppell; and

**WHEREAS**, her love of reading led her to be designated as the first librarian at the Coppell School while attending the school as an 8th grader, and later was a driving force behind Coppell's first public library in 1974; and

**WHEREAS**, Barbara started the Cancer Society of Coppell, was instrumental in leading and supporting foreign missions at First Baptist Church Coppell, and helped create the Coppell Historical Society serving as its president for many years; and

**WHEREAS**, Barbara has dedicated and served the city of Coppell and its citizens her entire life, standing as the oldest living Coppell native still residing in the city.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Wes Mays, Mayor of the City of Coppell do hereby declare Tuesday, August 12, 2025, as:

### ***"Barbara Jean Lee Day"***

in the City of Coppell and call upon our citizens to join in the celebration of her 90th birthday and extraordinary contributions as a founding member of our community.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Coppell to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025.

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Wes Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Phoebe Stell, City Secretary