

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Bennett Ratliff has served the Coppell community on the Board of Trustees for Coppell Independent School District since May 2003; and

WHEREAS, during that time CISD opened its second high school, New Tech High @ Coppell with two grade levels – 9th and 10th; and

WHEREAS, CISD achieved the following awards and ratings:

- a “Recognized” state accountability rating for 2010-2011 school year and an “Exemplary” state accountability rating for 2009-2010 school year from the Texas Education Agency, and
- all Coppell ISD campuses and the district met AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) on all indicators for the No Child Left Behind Act, and
- CISD is ranked highly in Texas in Gold Performance Acknowledgements (GPAs) receiving 10 in 2010, and
- for the ninth year in a row, CISD has received Superior Achievement rating based answering “yes” to each of the 22 indicators included in the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) program; and
- Coppell High School, Coppell Middle School North, Coppell Middle School West, Denton Creek Elementary, Lakeside Elementary, and Wilson Elementary made the Texas Business Education Coalition’s 2009 Honor Roll. Less than 4% of Texas public schools receive this honor; and

WHEREAS, Bennett has served as a member of the North Texas Area Association of School Boards and as a member of the Grassroots Advocacy Network; and

WHEREAS, through Bennett Ratliff’s dedication, self-sacrifice, and commitment to his community, Coppell schools have excelled through the expansion of student programs and participation in activities that garnered recognition and top honors throughout the Metroplex, state and national level; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen Hunt, Mayor of the city of Coppell, on behalf of the City Council, hereby extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Bennett Ratliff for his efforts to sustain a cooperative relationship between the CISD and the City of Coppell so our community will continue to be a location of choice for people wanting to raise a family.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Coppell to be affixed this 22nd day of May 2012.

Karen Selbo Hunt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christel Pettinos, City Secretary