

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Reverend Dennis Wilkinson received a Bachelor of Social Sciences from SMU in Dallas, Texas in 1970 and a Master of Divinity from the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado in May, 1980; and

WHEREAS, Dennis and Linda have been married since July 1971; and

WHEREAS, Dennis has served the North Texas Conference as a United Methodist pastor for 36 years and during this time has chaired and served on many Commissions and Boards in the Conference; and

WHEREAS, Dennis has served the First United Methodist Church Coppell as senior pastor for almost 9 years and has been a source of strength and comfort to our community during times of loss; and

WHEREAS, Dennis was Co-Director of the Children's SEEK Camp, a summer church camp for special needs children, for almost 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Dennis is a member of the Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, Dennis is active in the Kairos Prison ministry, an extension of the Walk to Emmaus; and

WHEREAS, Dennis spent 6 years on active duty in the U.S. Air Force as a pilot, served in Georgia as a T-38 Instructor Pilot and in the Pacific Theater as a C-130 Aircraft Commander. While on active duty he completed pilot instructor training, academic instructor training, and basic, sea and jungle survival school. After seminary Dennis was re-commissioned in the Air Force Reserve as a Chaplain, served as the Senior Chaplain of the 136th Tactical Airlift Wing/Texas Air National Guard, and retired from the Reserve in 1998 as a Lieutenant Colonel.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen Selbo Hunt, Mayor of the City of Coppell, do hereby proclaim May 19, 2013 as

"DENNIS WILKINSON APPRECIATION DAY"

in the City of Coppell, Texas.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Coppell to be affixed this ____ day of May 2013.

Karen Selbo Hunt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christel Pettinos, City Secretary