

RESOLUTION NO. 947

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KYLE, TEXAS, ACCEPTING THE CITY OF KYLE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO NAME ROBERT CLARK BARTON, JR., AS THE INAUGURAL RECIPIENT OF THE CITY OF KYLE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, AND IN HONOR OF THE OCCASION AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THIS RECIPIENT ALSO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE TO NAME THE AWARD FROM THIS DAY FORWARD THE CITY OF KYLE BOB BARTON LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.

WHEREAS, The City of Kyle's Community Relations Committee has solicited and reviewed nominations for the City of Kyle's inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award and reached a decision thereof; and,

WHEREAS, the recommended recipient's contributions to the citizens of Kyle commenced from his early adulthood in the late 1940's until his passing in January, 2013, and includes service to his country through two wars, championing the integration of Kyle schools, publishing a local newspaper to keep Kyle citizens informed for over 60 years, serving as Kyle's representative in the 68th Texas Legislature, Serving as Vice-Chairman of the City of Kyle's first Charter Commission, and many more contributions throughout his lifetime; and,

WHEREAS, the recommended recipient was instrumental in the preservation of the Claiborne Kyle Log house, home to Kyle's founder Fergus Kyle, and also the preservation of the Katherine Anne Porter House, home to Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Katherine Anne Porter, allowing these two historic icons of Kyle's heritage to remain in Kyle for future generations to enjoy; and,

WHEREAS, the recommended recipient was an active participant in the Kyle area's many civic and community organizations, including the Kyle Lions Club, The Kyle Area Voters League, The Downtown Advocates, the Mexican-American Democratic Caucus & Tejano Democrats, serving as precinct chair, and county chair of the Hays County Democratic Party, and was a member of the American G.I. Forum, and many others; and,

WHEREAS, the recommended recipient has received recognition for his service and activism by numerous organizations, including the Texas Press Association who honored him in 2000 for 50 years of work in Texas journalism, and in 2007 his newspaper, the Hays Free Press, won the prestigious national Jim Lehrer award for investigative journalism, and by the 83rd Texas State Legislature with House Resolution 525 honoring Robert Barton (introduced by Republican Jason Isaac) with companion bill Senate Resolution 184 (introduced by Democratic Senator Kirk Watson) in 2013; and,

WHEREAS, the recommended recipient has been deemed to be qualified to receive this prestigious award in light of having nearly spent the entirety of his eighty-plus years serving his country, the State of Texas, and particularly the City of Kyle in a generous and distinguished manner; and,

WHEREAS, as the inaugural recipient of this award, and in recognition of his example for others to follow as future possible recipients are considered, the Community Relations Committee also recommends that from this date forward the City of Kyle Lifetime Achievement Award be named after its inaugural recipient;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kyle City Council does hereby declare that **ROBERT CLARK BARTON, JR.**, is the inaugural recipient of the City of Kyle Lifetime Achievement Award, in honor and recognition of a lifetime spent in the service to the community in the City of Kyle and that also in such recognition that this award bear his name so that his legacy to the City of Kyle will be carried on in his honor.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the City of Kyle on this 8th day of October, 2014.

CITY OF KYLE, TEXAS

R. Todd Webster, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Amelia Sanchez, City Secretary

Ken Johnson, City Attorney