

JAN 23 2023



JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Presented

Christopher Boedeker
County Judge

Rick Bailey
Commissioner
Precinct 1

Kenny Howell
Commissioner
Precinct 2

Mike White
Commissioner
Precinct 3

Larry Woolley
Commissioner
Precinct 4

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF JOHNSON

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PROCLAMATION

JACK ROWLAND DAY

WHEREAS, Jack Rowland graduated from Mesquite High School in 1950. He attended Tarleton Junior College and then received a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Education from Sam Houston State in 1955. This was followed by a Master's Degree from East Texas State in the mid-1960's; and

WHEREAS, in the spring of 1955, upon hearing of a Vocational Agriculture teaching job opening at Godley, Jack obtained a new suit and in a borrowed car, traveled to Johnson County to apply for the job. After visiting with the local administration and the school board president, he had secured a job that lasted more than 44 years; and

WHEREAS, soon after Jack became employed, there was an opening for a homemaking teacher at Godley High School, and Patty Flinn was hired. Jack seized the opportunity, and Patty Flinn became Patty Rowland. Their union has endured to this day and was blessed with 3 daughters and 6 grandchildren. Jack is quick to give Patty credit for their shared success; and

WHEREAS, The mark of any educator lies in the achievements of his or her students. He was advisor to a state FFA officer, coached a state champion dairy cattle judging team, and had multiple Young Farmer state champions. His students excelled in livestock shows with many champions at the Johnson County Junior Livestock Show and had the reserve champion turkey two years in a row at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo; and

WHEREAS, his leadership extended beyond the classroom. Jack served 8 years as Mayor of Godley, was elected state President of the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas, served on many state FFA committees, and has been a leader in his church. He also served on the Board of Directors of Ag Workers Insurance Company for over 35 years. After a career lasting from 1955 until 1999, Jack retired as a full-time educator, but remained a valuable resource to the Godley Agriculture program. The Agriculture facility in Godley is named in his honor as a means to recognize his influence. Jack was honored in the summer of 2022, by being named to the Texas Agriculture Teachers Hall of Fame by the Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE THE JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, do hereby proclaim January 23, 2023 as:

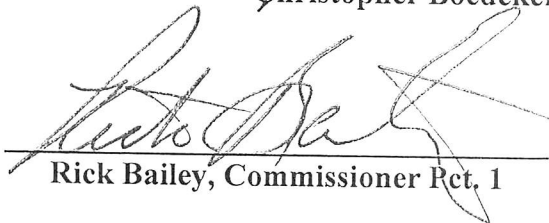
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in Johnson County and encourage all citizens to appreciate and recognize one of the best and certainly the longest serving agriculture educator and FFA advisor in the history of Johnson County.

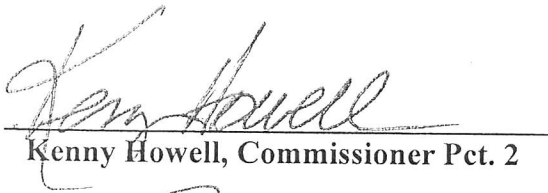
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereto set our hand and cause the Seal of Johnson County, Texas to be affixed on this the 23rd day of January, 2023.




Christopher Boedeker, Johnson County Judge



Rick Bailey, Commissioner Pct. 1



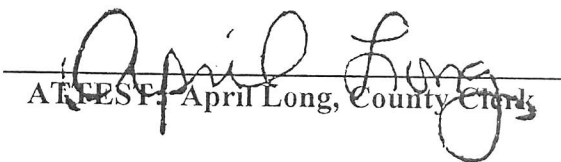
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APRIL LONG, County Clerk

