



PROCLAMATION

Caldwell County Progressive Club

The Caldwell County Commissioners Court observes *Black History Month* as an opportunity to reflect on Black history in Texas, and to commemorate the contributions of our African American organizations and non-profits to our Caldwell County African American Community;

WHEREAS, contributions and achievements of our African American citizens are an essential part of our Texas history throughout the year. February, Black History Month, provides a designated opportunity to highlight the unique contributions to Lockhart High School by African American graduates and collegiate educational growth by the Caldwell County Progressive Club;

WHEREAS, in 1974, four African American Construction workers — Ammie Carter, Jr., Hiawatha Franks, Sr., Nathaniel “Bubba” Bennett Jr., and Homer Williams, Sr. learned that there were disparities in the opportunities to collegiate scholarship for African American students graduating from Lockhart High School;

WHEREAS, in answer to this scholarship challenge, a nonprofit, the Caldwell County Progressive Club, was organized. The Caldwell County Progressive Club provides (5) scholarships each year to Lockhart High School graduates who apply and meet all the qualifications of the scholarship criteria. This club held its first scholarship banquet at Lockhart Intermediate School, now Navarro Elementary, in February 1975. That May, Steve Manning and Johnnie Winn Jr. received the first scholarships awarded by The Caldwell County Progressive Club;

WHEREAS, in February 1978, during the fourth annual banquet of the Caldwell County Progressive Club, Marshall Hill, a graduate of Lockhart High School, who is a current member of the Caldwell County Progressive Club, and who is the President of the St. John 19th Body, St. John Colony, Texas, was the recipient of one of the scholarship awarded in the fourth round of yearly scholarships awarded by the Caldwell County Progressive Club;

WHEREAS, in an alignment with a realized vision to improve African American student educational scholarship equity, the Commissioners Court of Caldwell County observes, and honors initiatives of the Caldwell County Progressive Club whose ongoing simplistic goal, for 51 continuous years has been to provide scholarships to African American graduates from Lockhart High School;

WHEREAS, in its 51 years the Caldwell County Progressive Club has awarded over 200 scholarship; and

WHEREAS, during the Black History Month of February, the Caldwell County Commissioners Court encourage educators, students, and citizens to learn about the heritage and achievements of African Americans and encourage community support to the educational initiatives of organizational such as the Caldwell County Progressive Club;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Caldwell County Commissioners Court does hereby adopt this proclamation to acknowledge and honor 51 years of continuous scholastic scholarship support by the Caldwell County Progressive Club for the African American graduates of Lockhart High School, Caldwell County, Texas and expresses its desire that this initiatives will continue its mission in support of the African American graduates of Lockhart High School.

Hoppy Haden
Caldwell County Judge

B.J. Westmoreland
Commissioner, Precinct 1

ABSENT

Ed Theriot
Commissioner, Precinct 3

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Commissioner, Precinct 2

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Commissioner, Precinct 4



ATTEST:

Teresa Rodriguez
Caldwell County Clerk