

State of Texas  
County of Williamson  
Know all men by these presents:

That on this, the 15th day of December, 2009, the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas, met in duly called session at the Courthouse in Georgetown, Texas, and at said meeting, among other business, the Court considered the following

PROCLAMATION

- Whereas, Sgt. Kenneth C. Holden was selected into an elite group of 420 for one of the most mentally and physically challenging courses in the United States Army, the "Special Forces Qualification Course" to become a Green Beret; and
- Whereas, out of the 420 who were originally selected for training only 120 qualified to begin the training; and
- Whereas, the training provided in this course is grueling and only a select few of the Soldiers who enter graduate; and
- Whereas, Training after selection consisted of Airborne School - 3 weeks; S.O.P.C. (Special Operations) - 3 weeks; C.L.O.S. (Combat Leadership School) - 3 weeks; S.U.T. (Small Unit Tactics) - 7 weeks; S.E.R.E. (Survive, Evasion, Resistance, Escape) - 3 weeks; MOS Phase (Military Occupation School) Medicine - 48 weeks; Language School - 16 weeks; Robin Sage - 4 weeks; and
- Whereas, out of the original 420 only 89 made it to final graduation; and
- Whereas, President John F. Kennedy stated that, "The Green Beret is.....a symbol of excellence.....a badge of courage.....a mark of distinction in the fight for freedom." and
- Whereas, Less than 1% of all soldiers earn the distinction of wearing the Green Beret. A Green Beret is one of the world's best trained Soldiers; and
- Whereas, Sgt. Kenneth C. Holden was a member of the 248<sup>th</sup> Class of the United States Army, John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, Special Forces Qualification Course, graduating on November 13, 2009; now, therefore he it

PROCLAIMED that Sgt. Kenneth C. Holden hereby is recognized for his outstanding accomplishment in becoming a Special Forces Medical Sergeant and earning the right to wear the Green Beret and for his dedication to serve, protect and defend our nation. We are proud of this Williamson County son and congratulate his example of perseverance, leadership and sacrifice for the people of this great county, state and nation.

PROCLAIMED this 15th day of December, 2009.

  
Dan A. Gattis, County Judge

Attest:

  
Nancy E. Rister, County Clerk