



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, most everyone can agree that the teaching profession is a higher calling; and

WHEREAS, teachers are a jack-of-all-trades, performing the work as mentors, cheerleaders, and confidantes while trying to inspire the love of learning in the next generation of young people; and

WHEREAS, performing these tasks are difficult in the best of situations, but in Texas, the attrition rate for teachers rose to an historic high of 13.4% of teachers leaving teaching between the fall of 2021 and the fall of 2022, according to the Texas Education Agency; and yet, while facing the myriad of problematic challenges, there is a local teacher who has been honored as Texas Teacher of the Year, so we should bring attention to that person's wonderful work and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Westwood High School's own Christine Mihealsick has been recognized as 2025 Texas Teacher of the Year by the Texas Association of School Administrators out of more than 385,000 teachers across the state; and

WHEREAS, as an outstanding educator, who teaches AP Environmental Sciences to juniors and seniors, Ms. Mihealsick inspires her students to learn a variety of topics, including geology, biology, water and water conservation, endangered species, renewable energy, air pollution, and recycling, all important as our earth faces multiple environmental crises; and


WHEREAS, Ms. Mihealsick has been an educator for 23 years and has spent the last 17 serving the Westwood community; and

WHEREAS, because of this recognition, she will be one of 50 teachers to be considered for designation as the National Teacher of the Year, the winner will be announced at the White House in Spring 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Williamson County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim January 7, 2025, as Christine Mihealsick Day in Williamson County to acknowledge her many years of faithful dedication to her students and her chosen profession;

AND FURTHER, wish her good luck to be named as National Teacher of the Year.

Passed by Commissioners Court and Signed on this date: 1-7-2025


Bill Gravell, County Judge

On behalf of the Williamson County Commissioners Court Members