

CITY OF COLLEGE STATION

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Proclamation

WHEREAS, Gary Blair retired after 19 years as Texas A&M women's basketball coach after the 2021-22 season ended in March; and

WHEREAS, Coach Blair is an elected member of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame and led A&M to the 2011 national championship; and

WHEREAS, Coach Blair led the Aggies to 16 NCAA Tournament appearances in 19 seasons, advancing to the Sweet Sixteen eight times and the Elite Eight three times; and

WHEREAS, Coach Blair led A&M to five conference championships, including the 2021 Southeastern Conference title; and

WHEREAS, Coach Blair is one of only 13 NCAA Division I coaches to reach 850 career victories and ranks 12th in all-time wins with an 852-348 overall record in 37 seasons; and

WHEREAS, Coach Blair is a two-time national coach of the year, a five-time Texas coach of the year, and a six-time conference coach of the year who is a member of seven halls of fame; and

WHEREAS, Coach Blair is one of only three coaches in history to take two or more schools to the NCAA Final Four, accomplishing it with A&M in 2011 and Arkansas in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Coach Blair posted winning seasons in 35 of his 37 years as a college coach, including 30 seasons with at least 20 victories, and won nine conference regular-season championships and nine conference tournament titles; and

WHEREAS, Coach Blair appeared in a combined 26 NCAA Tournaments, 13 NCAA Sweet Sixteens, and amassed 41 NCAA Tournament victories at A&M, Arkansas, and Stephen F. Austin; and

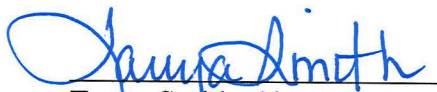
WHEREAS, Coach Blair has raised more than \$1.4 million through Coach Blair Charities for charities across the Brazos Valley.

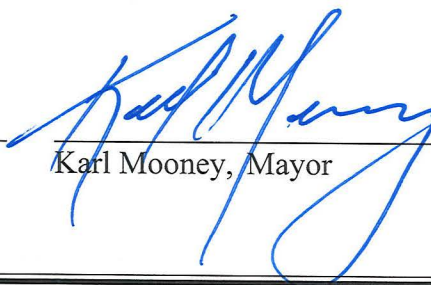
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karl Mooney, as mayor of the City of College Station and on behalf of our community's residents and the College Station City Council, declare today, April 28, 2022, as

COACH GARY BLAIR DAY

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of College Station, Texas, this 28th day of April 2022.

Attest:


Tanya Smith, City Secretary


Karl Mooney, Mayor

