Proclamation

Office of the Mayor

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 rank 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, Andrew Nelson, as Mayor of the City of Bryan and on behalf of our community's residents and the City of Bryan City Council, declare today, June 14, 2022, as

Coach Gary Blair Day

we honor and salute Coach Blair for his dedication and commitment to our community and extend our best wishes to him and his family for many years of happiness in the future.

City of Bryan

Andrew Nelson, Mayor

Proclaimed this 14th day of June, 2022