

**RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP OF  
BLINN COLLEGE DISTRICT TRUSTEE DOUGLAS BORCHARDT**

WHEREAS, Douglas Borchardt faithfully represented Precinct 2 as a member of the Blinn College District Board of Trustees between May 2010 and May 2023; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Borchardt attended Blinn College before earning his bachelor's degree in finance from Texas A&M University; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Borchardt served as the Executive Vice President and CFO at Brenham National Bank until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Borchardt has served as a member of the Washington County Fairgrounds Management Board, a founding director of the Goodfellows of Washington County, a director of the Washington County Healthy Living Association, a founding director and former treasurer of the BISD Education Foundation, and a vice chairman of the Mission Endowment Fund of the Texas/Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Borchardt was elected to the Blinn College District Board of Trustees in 2010 and re-elected in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Borchardt served one term as Board President from May 2013 until May 2015; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Borchardt served two terms as Board Secretary from August 2011 until May 2013 and from May 2015 until May 2017; and

WHEREAS, during Trustee Borchardt's tenure on the Board of Trustees, the Blinn College District has established itself as a state-wide co-enrollment leader with the development of Texas A&M Engineering at Blinn and the Texas A&M Engineering Academy at Blinn-Brenham, the Clear Affordable Pathways to Success (CAPS) Program with the University of Houston, and co-enrollment partnerships with the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the BVTeach Program with the Texas A&M College of Human and Educational Development, and Southern New Hampshire University; and

WHEREAS, under Trustee Borchardt's leadership the Blinn College District has regularly ranked among the state and national community college leaders in academic transfer, including its current status as the community college with the highest academic transfer rate in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, under Trustee Borchardt's leadership, the College strengthened its financial position; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Board of Trustees, Trustee Borchardt authorized Blinn to accept The Texas A&M University System's invitation to join the RELLIS Academic Alliance and to open a new Blinn campus location at Texas A&M-RELLIS; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Board of Trustees, Trustee Borchardt authorized the modernization and development of the Brenham Campus, including the construction of Wheeler Hall, Doyle Coatney Center; the Kruse Center; Mill Creek Hall; the Ann Gardner Livestock Annex; the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Innovation Building; and Prairie Lea Hall; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Board of Trustees, Trustee Borchardt authorized renovations and upgrades to several Brenham Campus facilities, including Leroy Dreyer Field, the Old Main Building, the W.L. Moody Jr. Library, Spencer field block, and the Student Center Dining Hall; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Board of Trustees, Trustee Borchardt authorized the modernization and development of the Bryan Campus, including the construction of the Bryan Campus Administration Building; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Board of Trustees, Trustee Borchardt authorized upgrades to the Central Administrative Services Building at the Tejas Center, the Bryan Campus cast stone replacement project, and the campus beautification project that included landscaping and courtyard upgrades; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Board of Trustees, Trustee Borchardt authorized the development of RELLIS, including the construction of the Walter C. Schwartz Building, the Agriculture and Workforce Education Complex, and the Blinn RELLIS Administration Building; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Board of Trustees, Trustee Borchardt approved a variety of new programs, including a new certificate in cybersecurity and new Associate of Applied Science degrees in carpentry, cloud computing, drone technology, facility maintenance, HVAC, simulation and game programming, water purification, and web programming; and

WHEREAS, under Trustee Borchardt's guidance, Blinn College launched new esports, men's and women's soccer, and men's and women's golf teams; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Borchardt leaves a legacy of selfless service to the Blinn College District, its students, and the communities it serves; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Blinn College District Board of Trustees expresses its sincere appreciation to Trustee Douglas Borchardt and acknowledges his exemplary governing acumen and supportive oversight between 2010 and 2023.

ADOPTED this 16th day of May 2023, Brenham, Texas.

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Board Chair

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Chancellor