Whereas, R. F. Hartman Elementary School, a Wylie ISD campus, has been named a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education; and

Whereas, Hartman received the highest Blue Ribbon School designation, Exemplary High Performing School, awarded to campuses for their high performance on state assessments or their progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups; and

Whereas, Hartman Elementary was one of 342 schools to receive the honor nationwide, one of only 28 campuses in the state of Texas, and one of only five in the Dallas-Fort Worth area; and

Whereas, the National Blue Ribbon School award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families, and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging content; and

Whereas, Shawna Ballast, Hartman's principal, made Blue Ribbon status a campus goal, inspiring her students to work hard to achieve this prestigious award; and

Whereas, the Hartman staff takes great pride in the commitment to student academic achievement as well as meeting the social, emotional, physical, and cultural needs of students; and

Whereas, the City of Wylie is proud that Hartman's Cool Cats are part of the Wylie family and thanks them for shining the national spotlight on Wylie by bringing this prestigious honor to our school district and community.

Now therefore, I, Eric Hogue, Mayor of the City of Wylie, Texas, in honor of Hartman’s designation as a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School, am honored to proclaim October 20, 2017, as

“R. F. Hartman Elementary School Day”

in the City of Wylie, Texas, and call upon the community to congratulate Hartman’s administration, faculty, staff and students on this notable achievement.

Eric Hogue, Mayor
City of Wylie
State of Texas