



LAKEWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS HALL OF FAME

Proclamation

WHEREAS The Lakewood Public Schools Hall of Fame is a tribute to men and women who have made exceptional contributions to society, achieved extraordinary success, exhibited good character and action, bringing honor and prestige to Lakewood Public Schools. Hall of Fame inductees are recognized as outstanding role models for our students and have reached above and beyond the ordinary.

WHEREAS Mr. Ron Martin, a former Lakewood educator and coach of 35 years, is formally inducted into the Lakewood Public Schools Hall of Fame by the nominating committee, for excellence and dedication to lifelong education.

WHEREAS Ron joined Lakewood Public Schools in 1962, teaching physical education and social studies. For 29 years, he coached Lakewood High School athletes in tennis, girls track, freshman and junior varsity basketball, junior high football, track, and wrestling. During his Lakewood tenure, Mr. Martin, through teaching and coaching, inspired kids to succeed, reach for success, and entertain the possibilities that stretched the limits of their beliefs. Mr. Martin seizes opportunities to teach kids important life lessons, sportsmanship, honesty, and integrity. In 1996, Mr. Martin was selected for the "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" by his students and received the distinguished award.

WHEREAS After retirement in 1997, Mr. Martin served as an assistant principal at Lake Odessa West Elementary, and principal for the district alternative education program.

WHEREAS Mr. Martin has immersed himself in community outreach through membership of the Woodland Gospel Singers, service on the Barry County United Way Board, as well as on the Woodland Village Council.

WHEREAS Mr. Martin developed a fly fishing program for young students in Lakewood, Maple Valley, Hastings, and St. Rose, that instills a respect for nature, caring for the environment, and interacting directly with nature. In 2002, Mr. Martin led students to assemble and send fishing gear to troops in Iraq so that they could fish in the Palace lakes of former King Hussein. He further coordinated an annual "Veteran's Fishing Day" through Woodland Eagles. Mr. Martin has modeled character and the meaning of giving back to community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Larner, Lakewood High School Principal, do hereby proclaim that Mr. Ron Martin be inducted in the Lakewood Public Schools Hall of Fame.

Randall Fleenor, Md.E, Superintendent of Schools

Jay Larner, Principal, Lakewood High School

