



- WHEREAS,** Mr. Samuel "Sam" Leonard Purtle was born June 2, 1927, in New Boston, Texas, to Harold Guy and Molly Faye Miles Purtle; and
- WHEREAS,** Sam married Mary Beth Kuykendall on November 26, 1955 at First United Methodist Church in McKinney and shared over 61 years of marriage; and
- WHEREAS,** Sam and Mary Beth were proud parents to two children - Vicki Lynn and Tommy Keith Purtle, two grandchildren, and one great granddaughter; and
- WHEREAS,** Sam served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1945 to 1947 aboard the USS Atlanta in the Pacific and in the United States Marine Corps from 1950 to 1951 in Korea; and
- WHEREAS,** Sam served the State of Texas as a State Highway Patrolman for 30 years; and
- WHEREAS,** Sam continued to follow his calling to serve not only his Country but the Citizens of McKinney as a Volunteer Firefighter for 36 years and as Fire Chief for seven of those years; and
- WHEREAS,** Sam shared his knowledge as an instructor at the Fire Training Academy at Texas A&M University and maintained State Certifications as Inspector, Arson Investigator, Firefighter, and Emergency Care Attendant; and
- WHEREAS,** Sam continued his civic service in 1983 as the City of McKinney Code Enforcement Officer; and
- WHEREAS,** Sam was honored as City of McKinney Employee of the Month in July 1990 for his conversion of a vehicle into a light and air unit for the Fire Department; and
- WHEREAS,** Sam Purtle has left his distinguished mark on the McKinney community for his dedicated servant, his insight, mentorship, guidance, and friendship that he so unselfishly gave to the lives he touched.

NOW, THEREFORE I, GEORGE FULLER, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM JULY 9, 2017 AS

"SAMUEL 'SAM' LEONARD PURTLE DAY"

IN THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS AND ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS TO EXPRESS THEIR APPRECIATION TO THIS OUSTANDING SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY AND THE CITY OF MCKINNEY.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS THE 9TH DAY OF JULY, 2017.

George C. Fuller, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandy Hart, City Secretary