

Proclamation

Forney



Texas

Whereas, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo held February 25 – March 17, 2019 is the world's largest livestock show. One of Forney's own, North Forney High School senior, Kamryn Turnbow, made Forney ISD history at this show; and;

Whereas, Turnbow's lifelong love of animals led her to participate in FFA throughout high school by showing a wide variety of animals. This year alone, Kamryn raised 25 chickens, 2 lambs, and a steer. This year's steer, however, proved to have the most meaningful story out of all the animals; and

Whereas, through a chance meeting last year, the purchase of Kamryn's steer was sponsored by a gentleman from Cypress, Texas, whose wife had recently passed away from stomach cancer. His wife had been a volunteer at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo for 20 years, so he decided to sponsor the purchase of a show animal in her memory. Through his generosity, Kamryn was able to purchase this year's steer. And by working at a local veterinarian's office, she was able to pay for 100% of the feed for her steer on her own. After months of hard work and sacrifice, Turnbow took the steer to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, where she placed 2nd in her class and made sale. Turnbow's steer was auctioned off for \$12,000; and

Whereas, Kamryn plans to put the winnings toward her college education as she follows her dream to become a veterinarian for larger animals. Being the recipient of such a kind gesture by her sponsor, Kamryn also intends to pay it forward by giving one of this year's lambs to the granddaughter of her sponsor, as well as by mentoring her as she begins to follow her grandmother's legacy and enter animals into livestock shows;

Now, Therefore, I, Rick Wilson, Mayor of the City of Forney, do hereby recognize the week of **April 1 – 5, 2019**, as *Kamryn Turnbow Week* in the City of Forney, and urge everyone to join with us in acknowledging her many accomplishments and contributions to our community and for achieving such a high honor.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal this 2nd day of April, 2019.

Rick Wilson, Mayor