

City of Tyler
by the honorable
Barbara Bass, Mayor

A Proclamation
LITERACY COUNCIL OF TYLER DAY
JANUARY 28, 2009

Whereas, the Literacy Council of Tyler is committed to opening doors to adults and their families so that their lives are changed forever; and

Whereas, the Literacy Council of Tyler uses dedicated staff and volunteer tutors to provide adults in the community help in improving their literacy skills, from beginning reading instruction to GED completion and English as a Second Language instruction; and

Whereas, the Literacy Council of Tyler strives to encourage adults to seek help in improving their literacy skills and to encourage the community to volunteer to tutor these adults; and

Whereas, fifty percent of the adults in Smith County read below the eighth grade level; half of these adults read below the fifth grade level; and

Whereas, literacy skills improve health, increase self-sufficiency, decrease criminal activity, improve earnings and improve academic achievements of children; and

Whereas, the Literacy Council of Tyler served 2,400 adult learners last year and there are at least 100 students on the waiting list at all times,

Now Therefore, I, Barbara Bass, Mayor of the City of Tyler, Texas, do hereby proclaim JANUARY 28, 2009, as LITERACY COUNCIL OF TYLER DAY, in the City of Tyler, Texas, and urge all citizens to join in recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of this organization.

*In official recognition whereof I hereby
affix my signature this 28th day of January
2009.*

Barbara R. Bass
Mayor of Tyler, Texas