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Recognition of Frances Dickerson for 45 years of dedicated service to the City of Farmers Branch Police Department

BACKGROUND:

We are here to today to celebrate Frances Dickerson who, as a school crossing guard with the police department, has served 45 years, and counting, of dedicated service to the children and citizens of Farmers Branch. Frances has spent countless hours assisting our children each and every school day across busy street intersections as they arrive and depart from school.

Frances, as many crossing guards do, often encounters adversarial, dangerous and sometimes hostile attitudes from individuals who are more concerned with their own personal agendas than the safety of schoolchildren. She has made child safety and awareness her top priority to ensure the safe passage of our youngest and most vulnerable.

Then Police Chief Roger Robbins hired Frances, on the spot, on February 17, 1976. Frances has crossed children at three different intersections throughout her career and for four elementary schools.

Frances is married to her husband, Billy Dickerson, who is also a school crossing guard; she has 3 children, 9 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Frances' hobbies include working out at the Farmers Branch Recreation Center and riding her scooters. Frances commented that former Blair Intermediate School Principal Kim Chow-Jackson gave her a huge hug and told her that when she was an elementary student she remembered being assisted across the intersection by Frances.

Please join me in recognizing and congratulating Frances Dickerson for 45 years of service.