

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

Presented to
Caulkins Construction

WHEREAS, Mr. Caulkins earned his general educational development (GED) Certificate in 2007 after building a successful construction company and now feels it is time to help others if he can; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Caulkins has made it his business to promote the "Race to GED" in Prince William County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Caulkins feels that graduation rates are too low and finds it alarming that thirty percent of students in high school don't graduate; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Caulkins feels that it is a great thing to get your GED and to help promote the GED program; Mr. Caulkins had his six construction vans lettered with the "Race to GED" logo and foots the bill for people who can't afford the \$45 fee or the \$150 class tuition; and

WHEREAS, THE Adult Education Coordinator for Prince William County Schools said the \$1,000 donation helps several people a year obtain their GED who otherwise could not afford it. People have a desire to earn their GED but may not have the necessary finances.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body meeting in regular session on April 6, 2010 does publicly thank Mr. Caulkins for his efforts with helping other to continue their education and his continuing efforts in helping the community.

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Frank Jones, Mayor

Lana A. Conner

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Mercury,

Mr. Rod Caulkins, owner of Caulkins Construction will be at the GB meeting tomorrow night. I believe the Mayor would like to publicly thank him for his efforts with education and helping the community.

As you can see below is the newspaper article that brought his efforts to our attention.

MANASSAS PARK, Va.—Rod Caulkins said he's been able to do most of what he wanted to do in life, so now he figures it's time for him to help others if he can.

To do that, Caulkins has made it his business to promote the "Race to GED" in Prince William County and contribute regularly to Project-Mend-A-House.

Caulkins, the owner of Caulkins Construction Co. Inc. of Manassas Park, said graduation rates are too low.

"Thirty percent of students in high school don't graduate. That's an alarming number," said the 50-year-old Caulkins, who earned his general educational development certificate in 2007 after building a successful construction company that brought in \$11 million worth of business last year.

To help promote the GED program, Caulkins had his six construction vans lettered with the "Race to GED" logo and he foots the bill for people who can't afford the \$45 test fee or the \$150 class tuition.

"I think it's a great thing for people to have their GED," said Caulkins, who has been in business in Manassas Park for 15 years.

Bette Sneed, the adult education coordinator for Prince William County Schools, said the \$1,000 Caulkins donates annually to Race to GED helps several people a year who want to get the certificate but can't afford it.

"Some people have had the willingness and the desire to earn their high school credential, but they just didn't have the finances, so without his help they would not have that high school credential today," Sneed said. "He just really wants to help other people who may not have the financial means to get that credential."

Sneed said people have been grateful for Caulkins' help.

"They have been overwhelmed that someone wanted to help them," she said.

Sneed said Caulkins is in the process of setting the stage for a continuing donation.

"He's gone through our education foundation to establish a program where he will be donating \$1,000 every year for a lifetime," she said.

Andrea Saccoccia, executive director of Project Mend-A-House, said Caulkins' recent gifts of building supplies were timely.

So far, he's donated three large truckloads of stuff to the organization that helps repair houses and build access ramps for people in need.

One of the truckloads of supplies was sold in the organization's builders' yard sale.

"It certainly came at a time when we needed his assistance," Saccoccia said. "That was very beneficial to help us meet our clients' needs."

Saccoccia said she has really appreciated Caulkins' "support and partnership."

"It's very refreshing to see people like that in our community helping out," she said.

Caulkins said helping out the two organizations is the least he can do.

"I've been very fortunate. Really, I've been able to do everything that I wanted to do and I just want to give back," he said. "Anything that I can do to help somebody, I probably would."

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