



***Proclamation honoring
Susan Polgar and the
Susan Polgar Chess Institute***

WHEREAS; Susan Polgar won four Women's World Chess Championships and ten Olympic medals, was the number one ranked woman chess player in the world at age 15, was the first woman in history to qualify for the Men's World Championship, earned the Grandmaster of the Year Award in 2003, was the only chess player in history to win the triple-crown Blitz, Rapid and Classical Time Controls, and is now ranked as the number one player in the United States; and

WHEREAS; The Susan Polgar Institute for Chess Excellence (SPICE), Texas Tech University, the Knight Raiders, and the Susan Polgar Foundation will be hosting a Chess Summer Camp for Girls July 21-24, the 5th Annual Susan Polgar National Invitational for Girls July 27-August 1, and the 2nd Annual SPICE Cup International Grandmaster Tournament September 19-28; and

WHEREAS; Texas Tech University established SPICE in May 2007 and SPICE will conduct research projects and receive and compile research data from around the world connecting chess with the fields of education, computers, medicine, psychology, mathematics, and writing; and

WHEREAS; Chess can help children improve in critical and logical thinking, focus and concentration, creativity, problem solving, planning ahead, self-esteem, self-confidence, verbal aptitude, cognitive development, memory, decision-making, responsibility, sportsmanship, advancement in spatial and numerical and administrative-directional abilities, cultural awareness and so much more; and

WHEREAS; SPICE will garner the attention of millions of chess enthusiasts nationally and from around the world for Lubbock and Texas Tech University; and

WHEREAS; SPICE will form a championship caliber chess team at Texas Tech University that could compete nationally and internationally for high honors;

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Lubbock County Commissioners' Court do hereby recognize

Susan Polgar and the Susan Polgar Institute for Chess Excellence

for her willingness to educate youth about this celebrated sport and for bringing this international sport to Lubbock and Texas Tech University.