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H. Kenneth Berg, Principal

Dear Friends, Family, and Associates of Mr. Gary Weese,

Caddo Career & Technology Center has lost an invaluable instructor, team member, community representative, student advocate, and friend in the passing of Mr. Gary Weese, who served as an Automotive Technology Instructor at Caddo Career & Technology Center from 1998-2022. During his 24-year career at CCTC, Mr. Weese was instrumental in raising the quality of vocational education for high school students in Caddo Parish. Thanks to Mr. Weese's expertise, hard work, and dedication, CCTC's Automotive Technology Program met the rigorous standards to achieve certification by the National Automotive Technician's Foundation (NATEF). Mr. Weese realized the value of Automotive Service Excellence certifications in the automotive industry and ensured that students had the opportunity to earn industry-based credentials by implementing the Automotive Youth Educational Systems (AYES) program.

Mr. Weese appreciated the significance of the local automotive industry, and he worked diligently to build an Advisory Council comprised of individuals from local dealerships, privately owned mechanic shops, and parts and supplies stores. Together they developed a model Advisory Council who put hundreds of students to work in the local automotive industry. Industry-based credentials and support from the Advisory Council led students to employment in a high wage and high demand industry. Essentially, Mr. Weese facilitated success for his students in the real world through high quality instruction and his relationships within the professional community.

Mr. Weese understood the importance of education and worked constantly to improve his craft as an educator. In 2011, Mr. Weese was awarded the Association of Career and Technical Education's Teacher of the Year Award. A life-long learner, he earned his Master's Degree in Education Leadership from Louisiana State University Shreveport. Mr. Weese's focus on cleanliness, organization, and professionalism demonstrated to students the importance of self-respect, a strong work ethic, and taking pride in one's profession.

To continue the legacy of Mr. Gary Weese and recognize the value he placed on education, the Caddo Career & Technology Center Foundation proudly announces The Gary and Barbara Weese Scholarship. This scholarship will be awarded annually to a student in the Automotive Technology Program to further their education and assist the student in obtaining the tools required to begin a successful career in the automotive industry.

As principal of Caddo Career & Technology Center, I would like to express the great appreciation, admiration, and affection shared by the CCTC faculty and staff for Mr. Weese, and to send our thoughts and prayers to the Weese family. Visitation will take place on Tuesday, July 19, 5 – 7 PM at Boone Funeral Home in Bossier City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'H. Kenneth Berg Jr.' The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'H' and 'B'.