

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in addition to having his priorities in order and being an outstanding family man who is blessed with a great wife Vicky and wonderful children, Ryan, Rachel, Rob and Reed, Steven G. Ridder is an intercollegiate coach with vision, passion, and extensive experience at program-building and strategic planning. He is a hands-on manager who places emphasis on recruiting, developing, and mentoring talented team and staff members; and

WHEREAS, Coach Ridder possesses a purpose driven challenge to develop student-athletes to their maximum potential academically, athletically, spiritually, and socially in preparation for a productive life after college. He has a commitment to making a difference in the lives of young people, creating "The Package: Student, Person, and Player" who represent their University at the highest level, exhibiting the NAIA Champions of Character five core values of *Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Sportsmanship, and Servant-Leadership*; and

WHEREAS, Coach Ridder joined Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in 1989 as Head Men's Basketball Coach, the second year of the program. He led the program to ERAU's first NAIA National Championship Title in 1999-2000. Twenty-one years after taking over a program that had never won a game, his 500th win came against Johnson & Wales University on Friday, February 5, 2010. The 500-victory milestone comes in a season which the No. 6 Eagles look poised to make their 11th NAIA National Tournament trip; and

WHEREAS, during his career, Coach Ridder has led unprecedented growth in the intercollegiate program, spearheading an increase in the number of sponsored sports programs from five to 16 teams, including the construction of three recreation/intramural fields, The ICI Center (gymnasium), soccer complex, Sliwa Stadium (baseball), Ambassador W. William Crotty Tennis Complex, and a track and field facility. He guided the Eagle athletic program to ten consecutive Florida Sun Conference "Commissioner's Cup" Trophy honors, recognizing them as the most successful overall athletic program in the league; and

WHEREAS, it is interesting to note that Embry-Riddle student-athletes have performed better than the campus student body for ten consecutive years; and student-athletes, coaches, and support staff perform as many as 2,200 hours of community service each year to organizations and important causes, such as Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics, Operation Christmas Child, The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Coaches vs. Cancer, hospital and nursing home visits, elementary school reading programs, hosting free youth sports clinics, and hurricane debris pickup; and

WHEREAS, in the past ten years, Coach Ridder has received awards such as the Florida Sun Conference Coach of the Year, NAIA/Sun Conference Athletic Administrator of the Year, Berea College "Distinguished Young Alumnus" Honoree, NAIA II National Coach of the Year, Bellevue High School Hall of Fame Inductee, Berea College Basketball Hall of Fame Inductee, USA Basketball Court Coach for Pan American Trials, Air Force Association's Jimmy Doolittle Fellow Award, and NAIA Hall of Fame Inductee; and

WHEREAS, Coach Ridder's speaking engagements could be a full-time job as he has spoken at Vince Carter's restaurant grand opening, a recent Brown & Brown function, corporate fundraising events, motivational conferences, high school baccalaureate and graduation ceremonies, ROTC/Retired Military Functions, National Honor Society Induction ceremonies, Food Brings Hope, Boys and Girls Clubs, the Business Development Partnership, United Way, and many others; and

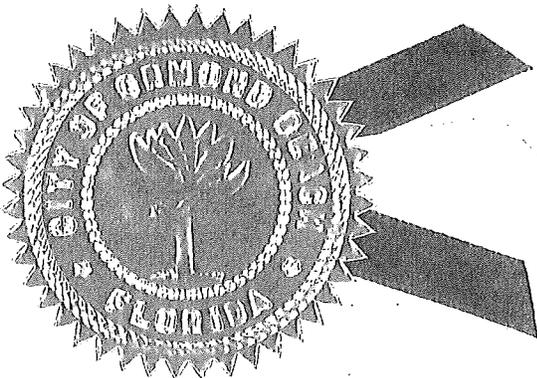
WHEREAS, Steve Ridder has stayed true to his school when he could have gone on to coach whenever and wherever he wanted to; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fred Costello, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 2, 2010, as a day to honor

COACH STEVE RIDDER

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me on this day to recognize Coach Ridder for his achievement in Embry-Riddle's basketball coaching and his contributions to our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 2nd day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Ten.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred Costello".

FRED COSTELLO
Mayor