

# Key to the Town of Avon

Dr. Richard Helton

Whereas, in medieval times of England, cities were protected with high walls and locked gates and admission to the city required legal papers and payment of taxes,

Whereas, a Key to the City was given to trusted persons that were allowed to enter the city without papers or payment of a tax,

Whereas, the custom of granting a Key to the City has become a ceremonial occasion to recognize certain individuals or groups for their contribution to a community,

Whereas, the Town of Avon has established the Key to the Town award as the Town's highest honor to recognize individuals or groups that have contributed to the betterment of the Avon community,

Whereas, Dr. Richard Helton has served as President of Vincennes University since 2004,

Whereas, Dr. Helton served as the Superintendent of Avon Schools from 1990 to 2004,

Whereas, Dr Helton steered the Avon School System through tremendous growth while continuing to provide a high quality of education for Avon children,

Now, therefore, the Town Council of the Town of Avon does hereby award the fifth Key to the Town of Avon to Dr. Richard Helton for his service and contribution to the Avon Community.

Awarded this 23rd Day of August in the Year 2012,

Avon Town Council:

Mike Rogers, President

Beberley Austin, Vice President

Dave Cox, Member

Dave Jackson, Member

Marcus Turner, Member

Attested by: Sharon Howell, Clerk Treasurer