

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Bob McMillan was born in Mazon, Illinois on December 18, 1924. He moved to North Dakota where he graduated from High School in 1942. Too young to volunteer for the military, he completed one year of college before being drafted in 1943. Bob reported to active duty as a Private and was selected to the Army Specialized Training Program and assigned to Engineering Company C at Syracuse University; and,

WHEREAS, At the time of World War II, Bob was assigned to the 69th Infantry Division where after training was awarded the Expert Infantryman Badge and deployed to Europe where he was promoted to Sergeant and serving as the 60mm Mortar Squad Leader, Weapons Platoon Company 1, 271st Infantry Regiment. Bob took part in the Battle of the Bulge under General Patton and advanced through Germany into Berlin. After occupation duties, Bob was honorably discharged April 26, 1946; and,

WHEREAS, Bob earned a bachelor's degree in education in North Dakota and a master's in chemistry from the University of Colorado. He held collegiate level Chemistry teaching roles until 1957 when he was hired by Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company in their Research Dept. One highlight in Bob's career was developing the rubber tire composite used on Apollo 14's moon mission. Bob retired from Goodyear in 1989 as head of Research Microscopy & X-Ray Division; and,

WHEREAS, Bob married Carol Robinson in 1951, and they were married for 69 years until Carols death in 2021. They settled in Stow in 1957 and had five children and six grandchildren. Bob has been active member of the Community Church since 1958. He was also a founding member of the Stow Masonic Lodge serving as Master and Secretary.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Pribonic, Mayor of the City of Stow, do hereby proclaim December 15th, 2024, as Bob McMillan Day here in Stow! Bob, we wish you joy, happiness, and health; Happy 100th Birthday!

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Stow, Ohio to be affixed this 15th day of December 2024.



John Pribonic, Mayor

