

Proclamation

By Mayor and Council - Township of North Brunswick

WHEREAS, the Township of North Brunswick's **Veteran Street Sign Program** allows Township residents who were Wartime Veterans to be recognized by adding their name on a secondary street sign to an existing Municipal Road; and

WHEREAS, by adding names of local Wartime Veterans to public street signs, we hope to promote public awareness of these individuals and show our appreciation for their outstanding contributions and service to our country as a member of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, eligible military candidates for this honor include honorably discharged Veterans having served in Military Departments as defined under Department of Defense which include Departments of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard; and

WHEREAS, Wartime Veterans are individuals who served in the active military forces, during a period of armed conflict or who received the armed forces expeditionary or other campaign service medals during an emergency condition, including those who died in the line of duty in the active military forces; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Farella Sr. has been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

WHEREAS, Ralph was born on October 25, 1928 in New York, New York; and

WHEREAS, Ralph moved to North Brunswick at an early age with his family. He attended school in North Brunswick Township however, prior to his high school graduation he enlisted in the United States Navy during World War II on February 7, 1946. Ralph was a Seaman 1st Class who served at the U.S. Training Station, Bainbridge, Maryland aboard the U.S.S. Washington; and

WHEREAS, Ralph was Honorably Discharged on December 9, 1947 from the United States Naval Station in Green Cove Springs, Florida. After leaving the Navy, Ralph was a builder of homes in North Brunswick Township, including the Park Terrace Development where he lived. Ralph served on the North Brunswick Board of Education for many years and also became a Building Code Enforcement Officer for the Township. Prior to his passing, he was awarded his High School Diploma from Governor Christie Todd Whitman in gratitude for his dedication and World War II military service. He remained dedicated to the Township of North Brunswick until his passing on September 27, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Ralph received the World War II Victory Medal and American Campaign Medal for his service; and

WHEREAS, Ralph was married to Antoinette (Caruso) on May 3, 1951 and together they have 4 children; Ralph Jr. and wife JuliAnne Farella , JoAnne and husband Paul Braconi, Michael and husband Dan Keegan-Farella and Angela and husband Barry Sturm. They also have 7 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, **DO HEREBY PROCLAIM**, distinguished recognition to **Ralph Farella, Sr.** for his service to our country ensuring freedom for all.

Francis M. Womack III
Mayor

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Council President

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Lou Ann Benson
Director of DPRCS

Lisa Russo, Township Clerk
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