

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 the 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, **Gabriel Julius Suto** has been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

WHEREAS, **Gabe** was born on February 24, 1933 in Woodbridge, New Jersey. Gabe attended Rutgers College and in his sophomore year he made the decided to enlist in the United States Air Force on December 12, 1952; and

WHEREAS, **Gabe** completed Basic Training at Sampson Air Base in New York State and was assigned to Brooks Field and Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. He then studied at the Francis E. Warren Air Base in Cheyenne, Wyoming to become a teletype maintenance man. In March 1954, Gabe sailed to Yokohama, Japan at his duty station at Ashiya Air Force Base, where he was assigned to the 15th Radio Squadron Mobile, U.S. Air Force Security Service. He served until November 1954 and was then reassigned in January 1955 to Detachment 1 of the 15th RSM at K-55 Air Force Base in Osan, Korea. He completed his four-year enlistment at McChord Air Force Base in Tacoma, Washington and Hamilton Air Force Base in California, achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was Honorably Discharged from the United States Air Force on December 1, 1956. Gabe earned the National Defense Medal, the United Nations Korea Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Korea Service Medal, and the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal. He was also awarded the Airman of the Month distinction twice during his service; and

WHEREAS, **Gabe** returned to his hometown of Carteret, New Jersey after serving in the United States Air Force and returned to Rutgers University on the GI Bill in 1957. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism in 1960. Gabe was a reporter, columnist and an editor during his forty-nine-year career at the Newspaper. He worked for The Perth Amboy Evening News, The New Brunswick Home News, The Woodbridge News Tribune, The Home News Tribune, The Bergen Record and The Asbury Park Press. He retired in 2005 and enjoys traveling to see his ten grandchildren, watching the Boston Red Sox, and summers at the Jersey Shore; and

WHEREAS, **Gabe** married his wife Penny(deceased) and they moved to Evergreen Court in North Brunswick where they raised their four children: Gabriel John, Gary James, Kirsten Amy, and Timothy Vincent. All children were graduates of North Brunswick Township High School and Gabe is still a resident of that address.

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

Francis M. Womack III
Mayor

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