

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, Frederick F. Battaglia has been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

WHEREAS, Frederick was born in Glenwood, New Jersey in 1920 to Italian immigrants, and later moved to the Bronx, New York. Fred was the youngest of six children, four sisters and one brother; and

WHEREAS, Frederick enlisted in the US Army during World War II in 1942, along with his cousins. Fred attended service training at the school of Mechanic Aviation. Fred received medals for Good Conduct, the World War II Victory Medal and the American Theatre. During his service, Fred was a Maintenance and Crew chief on P-51, P-38, P-39, P- 63, P- 40 and AT. - 6 and AT. - 61. After being honorably discharged from the Army, Fred began working for the Boy Scouts of America which was located in New York City; and

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America relocated to North Brunswick, New Jersey in 1956, Fred followed and relocated his family. Fred lived in North Brunswick until his passing in 1995 where he and his wife Mary raised their seven children. Fred worked for the Boy Scouts as a data processing manager until 1978 when the Boy Scouts again relocated to Fort Worth, Texas. After the Boy Scouts moved, Fidelity Bank purchased the property and moved their headquarters to this location. Fred was hired by Fidelity and worked there as a computer operator until he retired in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Fred’s hobbies included wood working and making clocks. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Senior Center. Fred was kind and caring, a religious family man who was always the first to help someone in need; and

WHEREAS, Fred was extremely proud of his seven children, Mary Boyer, (daughter) Frederick Battaglia, (son) Laura Hansen, (daughter) deceased, Palma Rask, (daughter) Carolyn Battaglia, (daughter) Guy Battaglia, and Joseph Battaglia, (son) who all went on to have successful and productive lives. Fred was blessed to see twelve of his thirteen grandchildren born and sadly he would not see any of the nine great grandchildren born.

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

Francis M. Womack III, Mayor

Rajesh Mehta, Council President

Bob Davis, Councilman

Lou Ann Benson, Director of DPRCS

Lisa Russo, Township Clerk 2023