

Proclamation

OF APPRECIATION TO BETTY PLAYFORD

Whereas: Betty Cercek Playford was born on April 4, 1917 and recently celebrated her 99th birthday;

Whereas, Betty Playford married William H. "Bill" Playford on August 16, 1935 and had two daughters, Bonnie and Barbara, four grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, both Betty and Bill Playford were active members of Disabled American Veterans Chapter #137, serving as Commander and Auxiliary Commander and delivering care packages to veterans in Cleveland; and

Whereas, Bill Playford was the chairman and co-founder of the Whitehaven Memorial Park Veteran's Plaza, created to provide a place for Memorial Day services, including today's 27th Anniversary Memorial Day Tribute. Betty Playford was equally active at Whitehaven, helping plan Memorial Day events, participating in services, and placing flags at the headstones of veterans; and

Whereas, on Memorial Day 1995, Betty and Bill Playford donated the bronze eagle to Whitehaven Memorial Park; and

Whereas, after Bill's passing in 1997, Betty Playford continued to take part in the placing of the wreath at Memorial Day services, a duty that has been handed down to her daughter, Bonnie Cottingham.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Mayor Brenda T. Bodnar, am pleased to recognize Betty Playford on the occasion of Memorial Day 2016. I am thrilled that she could be here today to participate in the services. On behalf of everyone here, I congratulate her on her 99th birthday and thank her for her many years of dedication and service to our veterans.

Signed this 31 day of May 2016.



Brenda T. Bodnar, Mayor, Mayfield Village