

Proclamation

Whereas:

**TO JAMES E. SHELBY
IN HONOR OF HIS
100TH BIRTHDAY**

WHEREAS, on October 13, 1942 James Shelby married his sweetheart Helen Davis whom he met at Foster's Dance Hall in East Cleveland; James and Helen Shelby had four children: Helen M., James D., Dennis J., William C., and Kevin P.; and James Shelby has lived on Meadowood Drive in Mayfield Village for over 50 years;

WHEREAS, James Shelby participated in many sports in High School such as Track, Muni Baseball—Class "B"—Speed Roller Skating, and Tennis, and one of James Shelby's fondest memories involves running track with Jesse Owens;

WHEREAS, James Shelby served four years in the United States Army during World War II and became a Master Sergeant; and James Shelby served in the 82nd Airborne Division, the 101st Airborne Division, and the 17th Airborne Division and served with General Patton in the Battle of the Bulge;

WHEREAS, James Shelby received a Fame Medal with three bronze stars, a Bronze Art Medal, and a Purple Heart Medal;

WHEREAS, James Shelby worked at the Mills Company for 33 years (including his 4-year Army time); he started in a drafting job and worked his way up to become a Vice President in Metal Compartment Sales. James Shelby left the Mills Company when was 55 years old and started J. Shelby Inc., a metal partition company;

WHEREAS, James Shelby recently received an honorary letter and Medal of the City from the Mayor of Bastogne, Belgium for his service in the Battle of the Bulge;

WHEREAS, James Shelby has attended many senior parties and plays Pinochle with the Card Group; and

WHEREAS, James Shelby will celebrate his 100th birthday on September 15; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Mayor Brenda T. Bodnar, am pleased to recognize James Shelby on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

Brenda T Bodnar

BRENDA T. BODNAR
MAYOR OF MAYFIELD VILLAGE