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PROCLAMATION HONORING AND CELEBRATING THE SERVICE OF CENTENARIAN JAMES DEAL

WHEREAS, James “Jim” Deal, a lifetime resident of Rowan County, born in Woodleaf and living now in Faith, celebrated his 100th birthday on November 19, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Deal is both a World War II veteran and Purple Heart recipient, a 75-year member of American Legion Post 327, and the oldest member of the Shiloh Reformed Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Deal was drafted into the army at 18 years old and underwent training at Fort Lewis as a member of the 737th Tank Battalion, serving as a gunner inside a Sherman tank during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Deal served in England for three months before arriving on the beaches of Normandy on June 12, 1944, where the battalion traveled through France and into Central Europe, including serving under General George S. Patton’s Third Army in The Battle of the Bulge, seeing 299 days of actual combat; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Deal’s campaign was cut short when he was wounded after stepping on a landmine, resulting in an honorable discharge from the Army followed by 35 years of working as a car inspector for Southern Railroad.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners gives sincere thanks for the service of Mr. Deal and joins in celebration of his 100th birthday.

This the 20th day of February, 2023.

Gregory C. Edds, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Sarah Pack, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board