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Proclamation Recognizing The Service of William “Wild Bill” Albert Corriher, Jr.

Whereas, William “Wild Bill” Albert Corriher, Jr., a lifetime resident of Rowan County, was born May 18th 1929 in China Grove, North Carolina, and has farmed in Rowan County for most of his life; and

Whereas, Wild Bill served in the United States Army from 1955 to 1957 and was stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and Fort Myers, Virginia; and

Whereas, Wild Bill is currently the longest-serving American Legion Commander in the state of North Carolina, serving as the Commander of Freeze-Seymour American Legion Post 185 in China Grove since 1979; and

Whereas, Wild Bill has been a strong supporter of the South Rowan Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (JROTC) and the Future Farmers of American (FFA) programs, including organizing and supporting the South Rowan JROTC banquet since the early 1980s; and

Whereas, upon finding out the nationwide JROTC program was being discontinued in 1990, Wild Bill was the driving force behind lobbying the United States Congress to save the program; and

Whereas, understanding the importance of the JROTC program to the development of our future military leaders, Wild Bill founded the Wild Bill JROTC scholarship in 1990, which provides funding to well deserving JROTC students, and has raised over \$100,000.00 for this fund.

Now, Therefore, be it proclaimed that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners give sincere thanks for Wild Bill’s service and sacrifice to our nation, our county, and our youth.

This the 15th day of May 2023.

Gregory C. Edds, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Sarah Pack, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board