

## **PROCLAMATION**

### **WERNER LUENSER 100 YEARS**

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WHEREAS, Werner Luenser was born on December 6, 1922 and will be turning 100 years old on December 6, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Werner Luenser arrived in Blue Island in 1923 from Frankenhausen, Germany and lived with his family initially on a small farm off Water Street, near the Calumet River, in Blue Island;

WHEREAS, Werner attended First Lutheran Grade School on Grove and Ann Streets, graduating in 1936. He then graduated from Blue Island Community High School in 1940. He joined the Navy Sea Bees during WWII and returned to live in Blue Island at the end of the war;

WHEREAS, Werner married Esther Woike, also a resident of Blue Island, in 1949. Werner and Esther built a house on Mozart Street, where they raised four children, who all graduated from First Lutheran Grade School and Eisenhower High School;

WHEREAS, Werner was a skilled mold maker and was involved in the design and implementation of molded plastic closures for the carbonated beverage industry. He was issued four patents for thermoplastic closures and traveled internationally for his job;

WHEREAS, Werner and Esther lived in the house on Mozart Street until they moved to an independent living apartment in 2014. They were loving partners for 71 years, until Esther's death in 2020.

WHEREAS, until recently, he continued to perform some gratis machinist work and he still enjoys fishing at the pond outside his apartment and watching the wildlife from the "comfy chair" in his living room;

WHEREAS, Werner Luenser remains a member of First Lutheran Church and continues to promote First Lutheran's outreach to the Blue Island community. He is grateful for the blessings God has granted him regarding family, health, vocation, and community.

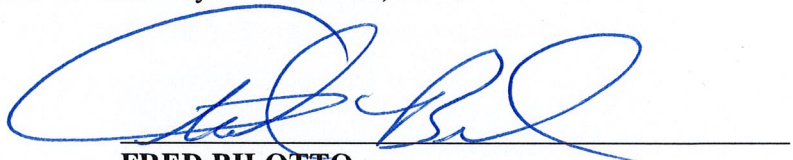
WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Blue Island wish to celebrate the life of Werner Luenser and wish him the happiest of birthdays for his 100th birthday on December 6, 2022.; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Blue Island, on behalf of themselves and the entire community, extend their sincere congratulations to

Werner Luenser for his 100th birthday and wish him many more years of health and happiness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fred Bilotto, Mayor of the City of Blue Island and the Blue Island City Aldermen, do hereby proclaim Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Werner Luenser.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2022.



**FRED BILOTTO**  
**MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,**  
**COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS**

ATTEST

22 day of November, 2022.



**RAEANN CANTELO-ZYLMAN, CITY CLERK**