
**THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION
NUMBER 2019-041**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND
LEGACY OF MR. SENOVIO HOWARD MARTINEZ**

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**HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND LEGACY
OF MR. SENOVIO HOWARD MARTINEZ**

Whereas, Mr. Senovio Howard Martinez was born on October 30th, 1919, City of Blue Island, Illinois; and

Whereas, Mr. Senovio Howard Martinez spent his early years in Blue Island as the son of Celso Martinez, Sr. and Maria Martinez and the second eldest sibling of Consuelo, Gregorio, Ysabel and Selso Jr.; and

Whereas, Mr. Senovio Howard Martinez, after graduating from Paul Revere Grammar School in 1933, attended Blue Island Community High School; and

Whereas, Mr. Senovio Howard Martinez, enlisted in the United States Army on March 03, 1942, at the height of World War II, after Japan's surprise pre-emptive aerial attack on Pearl Harbor, to serve and to protect his beloved country, the United States of America, against the onslaught of Communism and the Three Axis World Powers, including but not limited to: Nazi Germany, the Kingdom of Italy, and Imperial Japan; and

Whereas, Mr. Senovio Howard Martinez was stationed at Camp Grant, now Fort Sheridan, Highwood, IL and his tour of duty sent him to the utmost regions of the earth, including Algeria-French Morocco and Tunisia in North Africa; Sicily and Anzio in Italy; Germany; and culminating in Salzburg in Austria; and

Whereas, Mr. Senovio Howard Martinez served in the United States Military Branch of the Army under Five-Star General Omar Nelson Bradley in the 7th Army, 3rd Infantry Division, one of the Army's premier assault units, nicknamed The Rock of the Marne, 441st Triple A (Anti-Aircraft Artillery) as an Artillery Half-Track 50 Calibre Machine Gun Runner and as a Paraglider; and

Whereas, Mr. Senovio Howard Martinez bravely fought in various battles across Europe, including the 1942 Western Task Force Operation Torch/Allied Invasion of North Africa; the 1942 Tunisian Campaign; the 1943 Sicilian Campaign; the 1944 Operation Shingle Battle of Anzio, Italy; the 1944 Germany Campaign and the 1945 Salzburg, Austria Campaign; and

Whereas, Mr. Senovio Howard Martinez was awarded the United States Army Ribbon Bar Medal consisting of three Battle Stars for his service in North Africa, Italy and Germany and the Spearhead for his service in Anzio Beach Head, and the French Fourragère "Rope of Courage" Shoulder Cord for his service in North Africa; and

Whereas, Mr. Senovio Howard Martinez was Honorably Discharged in October 1945 from the United States Army after his tour of duty in WWII and returned to Blue Island; and

Whereas, Mr. Senovio Howard Martinez, in 1945, returned to work for the Rock Island Railroad Line; and

Whereas, Mr. Senovio Howard Martinez, in 1982, retired from service from the Rock Island Railroad Line after faithfully serving his company for forty-one years; and

Whereas, Mr. Senovio Howard Martinez has but one remaining sibling, his younger brother, Selso J. Martinez, Jr. and his family: Leonor Evans (wife), Rosemarie and Sandra (daughters), Raul and Selso III (sons) and John Kiernan (grandson), along with many cousins, nephews, nieces, grandnephews, grandnieces, great-grandnephews and great-grandnieces; and

Whereas, Mr. Senovio Howard Martinez, on October 30th, 2019, realized and celebrated his centennial birthday; and

Whereas, Mr. Senovio Howard Martinez continues to inspire present and future generations, not only of his immediate family, relatives and friends, but also of past, present and future generations of soldiers, with the accomplishments, the contributions and the endeavors that Mexican American soldiers have given to and have sacrificed for this great country of ours; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois, do hereby acknowledge the efforts of Mr. Senovio Howard Martinez to ensure equality, justice, and dignity for all people of the United States of America.

ADOPTED this 26th day of November, 2019, pursuant to roll call as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSTAIN
Alderman JOHNSON	X				
Alderman ALEXANDER			X		
Alderman BILOTTO	X				
Alderman CAZARES	X				
Alderman RITA			X		
Alderman DONAHUE			X		
Alderman HAWLEY	X				
Alderman FAHRENWALD	X				
Alderman MECH	X				
Alderman HILL	X				
Alderman CANTELO-ZYLMAN	X				
Alderman CARR	X				
Alderman SLATTERY			X		
Alderman KLINKER	X				
Mayor DOMINGO F. VARGAS					
TOTAL	10		4		

APPROVED: this 26th day of November, 2019.

Domingo F. Vargas

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

ATTESTED and Filed in my office this
26th day of November, 2019.

Randy Heuser

CITY CLERK