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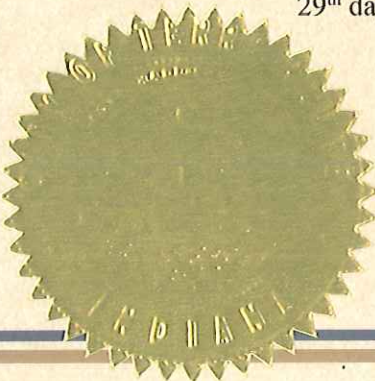
- WHEREAS: Mr. Walter Sommers was born in Frankfurt Germany on December 29, 1920; and
- WHEREAS: his family owned a chain of fine food stores, but by 1937, for their safety, they felt the need to move; and
- WHEREAS: in January of 1939, they relocated to the United States, where Walter quickly found a job in New York City; and
- WHEREAS: Walter was drafted into the United States Army in 1942 where he served on the Pacific front and at which time, he received his American citizenship papers; and
- WHEREAS: upon returning from the Army, he started a company that produced synthetic leather and later moved to Terre Haute, Indiana; and
- WHEREAS: Walter began his career at the Meis Department store and after retirement, performed volunteer work for several organizations; and
- WHEREAS: after meeting Eva Kor, he began sharing his story along with the history of the Holocaust beginning with the end of World War I; and
- WHEREAS: this month Walter turns 100 years old.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Duke A Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, do hereby proclaim December 29, 2020 as

WALTER SOMMERS DAY

in Terre Haute, Indiana and ask all citizens to join me in celebrating his 100th birthday and thanking him for his contributions to our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Terre Haute to be affixed this 29th day of December, 2020.




Duke A Bennett, Mayor

