

## Proclamation

### Celebrating the 80th Anniversary of Bill and Mary Harting

**WHEREAS**, Bill and Mary, at the ages of 98 and 105, celebrated their 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on September 1, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary and Bill have demonstrated an enduring commitment to one another, building a life together founded on mutual respect, love, and partnership; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill and Mary met at a box factory in Albany, New York where they both worked; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary and Bill were married at Saint Joseph Church on September 1, 1945, shortly after his enlistment in the U.S Army; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill shipped out on October 22, 1945, to the Pacific Theater and spent time serving in World War II in Okinawa and Nagasaki, Japan; and

**WHEREAS**, for eight decades, their marriage has served as an inspiring example to their family and friends, embodying the values of perseverance, devotion, and shared purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout their 80 years of marriage, Bill and Mary have contributed significantly to their family and friends, and enriching the lives of those around them; and

**WHEREAS**, their journey together is a testament to the power of a strong bond and a loving relationship, leaving a legacy of cherished memories and positive impact; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Sugar Hill wishes to publicly acknowledge and honor this remarkable milestone, celebrating the unwavering commitment and inspiring partnership of Mary and Bill Harting;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brandon Hembree**, Mayor of the City of Sugar Hill, on behalf of the entire City Council and all its citizens, do hereby proclaim September 8, 2025, as **Bill and Mary Harting Day** in our city. We extend our warmest congratulations and best wishes to Mary and Bill on their 80th wedding anniversary, and we thank them for being an exemplary model of enduring love and dedication to their family and friends.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sugar Hill to be affixed this 8th day of September 2025.