

# Proclamation

Honoring

## Phyllis Taylor

On Her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**WHEREAS**, Phyllis Taylor was born on July 4, 1926 to Ray and Ruby Lain, and was raised alongside her brothers, Gerald and Theron, on a farm outside of McCordsville, Indiana; and

**WHEREAS**, Phyllis attended McCordsville Elementary and Indianapolis Metropolitan High School before completing a course at Indiana University Business School and launching her professional career as an office clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, at the age of 21, Phyllis bravely sought a government position in Southern Japan, where she managed administrative office work while coordinating training classes for local residents taught by American farmers, doctors, and nurses; and

**WHEREAS**, while working in Japan, Phyllis met and married the love of her life, John Worthy Taylor, a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, and traveled with him as they transferred to various military bases across Europe and the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, upon John's retirement from the military, the couple moved to the City of Orange and shared many wonderful years in the community before his passing at the age of 92; and

**WHEREAS**, once settled down in Orange, Phyllis raised her son, Steven, while balancing a career with the Social Security Administration, owning and operating a small business, and pursuing a degree at California State University, Fullerton; and

**WHEREAS**, to this day, Phyllis remains an active and independent resident of Orange where she lives near her son; driving, shopping, gardening, and inspiring neighbors with her vibrant spirit and dedication to community life.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daniel R. Slater, Mayor of the City of Orange**, and the entire City Council, do hereby extend our deepest gratitude to **Phyllis Taylor** for her lasting contributions to her family, friends, and neighbors, and congratulate her on a beautiful century of life filled with purpose, love, and community. Happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday from the City of Orange.

**DATED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2026.

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Daniel R. Slater, Mayor

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Arianna Barrios, Councilmember

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