

IN RECOGNITION OF FRANK ORILIO DAY

MARCH 15, 2023

- WHEREAS,** THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD HAS BEEN FORTUNATE TO BE THE HOME OF AMAZING RESIDENTS WHO HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS; ONE SUCH AMAZING RESIDENT IS FRANK ORILIO. FRANK IS A WORLD WAR II VETERAN, BIG BAND MUSICIAN, SKILLED ILLUSTRATOR, ACCOMPLISHED PAINTER, AND LONGTIME RESIDENT WHO HAPPENS TO ALSO BE A CENTENARIAN; AND
- WHEREAS,** WHEN FRANK ENTERED THE ARMY AIR FORCE, HE ENTERTAINED SOLDERS DURING BOOT CAMP STATESIDE UNTIL HE WAS SHIPPED TO FRANCE FOR THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE. AT THE END OF WORLD WAR II, HE ENTERTAINED TROOPS WAITING TO RETURN HOME. THE RADIO CITY ROCKETTES WERE GOING TO ENTERTAIN THE GIs IN GERMANY AND FRANK WAS ASKED TO BE A PART OF THE 32 PIECE ORCHESTRA AS A DRUMMER PERFORMING 6 DAYS A WEEK FOR A YEAR; AND
- WHEREAS,** BACK IN THE STATES FRANK CONTINUED TO PLAY AT RADIO CITY FOR THE ROCKETTES, WHILE PICKING UP GIGS PLAYING HIS WAY THROUGH NEW YORK CITY'S JAZZ HOTSPOTS LIKE THE LATIN QUARTER AND LEON & EDDIE'S; AND
- WHEREAS,** ALTHOUGH FRANK ENJOYED HIS MUSICAL CAREER, HE DECIDED IT WAS TIME TO FOCUS ON HIS LOVE OF ART. HE WAS HIRED BY THE STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND (SAC) IN ROME, NEW YORK AND SPENT ALMOST 30 YEARS ILLUSTRATING THE REVOLUTIONARY IDEAS OF LEADING ENGINEERS AND SCIENTISTS OF THE TIME. HIS ORIGINALS WERE PHOTOGRAPHED AND PRESENTED IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR APPROPRIATION AND IF FUNDED, WOULD GO TO INTO PRODUCTION; AND
- WHEREAS,** FRANK'S WORK INCLUDED COLD WAR SHELTERS, MILITARY EQUIPMENT, ELECTRONICS AND RADAR SYSTEMS. THE WORK HE IS MOST PROUD OF IS HIS JEEP THAT COULD FIT HUGE RADIO COMPONENTS IN THE BACK OF A LITTLE JEEP; AND
- WHEREAS,** IN 1977 FRANK RETIRED FROM HIS 9-5 SAC CAREER AND DECIDED TO MOVE TO SOUTH FLORIDA. HE MOVED TO HOLLYWOOD "BECAUSE IT LOOKED REALLY NICE AND QUIET, AND HAD A SMALL COMMUNITY FEEL." THOUGH RETIRED, FRANK'S CALENDAR REMAINED FULL PLAYING TWICE A MONTH IN A 17-PIECE BAND AS WELL AS SMALLER GIGS. HIS ART KEEPS HIM BUSY BY DEVELOPING HIS SKILLS REGULARLY EXPERIMENTING WITH ACRYLIC, TEMPERA, SKETCHING, SCRATCHBOARD, AND SCULPTING; NOW
- THEREFORE,** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY RECOGNIZE AND PROCLAIM MARCH 15, 2023, AS:

FRANK ORILIO DAY

SIGNED THIS 15TH DAY OF
MARCH 2023, AT
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

MAYOR JOSH LEVY
VICE MAYOR ADAM GRUBER
COMMISSIONER CARYL S. SHUHAM
COMMISSIONER LINDA HILL ANDERSON
COMMISSIONER TRACI L. CALLARI
COMMISSIONER KEVIN D. BIEDERMAN
COMMISSIONER IDELMA QUINTANA