

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors RESOLUTION

in honor of

George K. Mullins

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors takes great pride in recognizing residents who embody the spirit of service, resilience, and dedication, and whose lives leave a lasting legacy in both our community and our country; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant George K. Mullins, one of Humboldt County's most esteemed citizens and Southern Humboldt's oldest living World War II veteran, will celebrate his 100th birthday on April 29, 2025, marking a full century of a life shaped by courage, purpose, and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, George was born in 1925 in Jenkins, Kentucky, the second of eleven children, and raised in the rugged Appalachian Mountains of Pound, Virginia, where his homesteading parents taught him the self-reliance, resourcefulness, and values that would guide him through the most challenging chapters of his life; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 18, George enlisted in the United States Army during World War II, trained at Camp Wheeler, Georgia, and was deployed to Europe as part of a support unit for the 101st Airborne Division; and

WHEREAS, for his valor and service, George was awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation, and the French Legion of Honor, France's highest military decoration; and

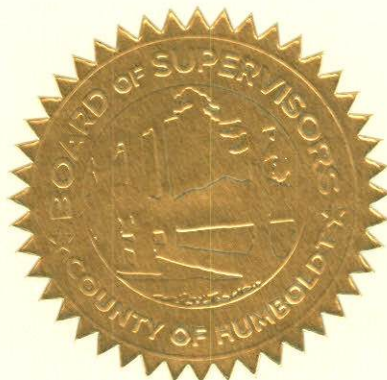
WHEREAS, after the war, George built a life in California and settled in Humboldt County in the 1960s, where he worked as a logger, commercial fisherman, heavy machinery operator, and later joined watershed restoration efforts with the Eel River Salmon Restoration Project, devoting himself to environmental stewardship alongside friends and community members; and

WHEREAS, George is also an accomplished storyteller and author—in 2022, at the age of 97, he completed and published *Foxhole*, a gripping memoir of his wartime experiences, co-written with his close friend Jay Biancalana, bringing readers face-to-face with the raw realities of World War II and the strength of the human spirit; and

WHEREAS, George has been featured by PBS, the Wounded Warrior Project, and numerous media outlets, and in 2024, was honored internationally as Grand Marshal of the 80th Anniversary D-Day Parade in Normandy, France—a testament to his lasting legacy; and

WHEREAS, George continues to inspire all who meet him with his humor, humility, and unbreakable will, and remains a living bridge between generations, carrying forward the lessons of history with grace and clarity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby honors and celebrates Staff Sergeant George K. Mullins on the extraordinary occasion of his **100th birthday**, expressing its deepest gratitude for his sacrifice, service, and unwavering commitment to his community and country.



April 22, 2025

Michelle Bushnell, Chair