

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Lucille Clarke was born on October 10, 1921 to her parents, Maude and Lin, in Windsor, North Carolina, and moved often with her large family during her childhood and teenage years to towns where her father could find work due to the Great Depression; and

WHEREAS, when Lucille was 22 years old, she met the man of her dreams, William Mark Bell, Jr., a soldier in the United States Air Force, and they were married on November 18, 1943 at Langley AFB in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Lucille, a proud military wife, sent care packages of toothpaste, aftershave and tobacco to William as he fought overseas in World War II and waited nervously when he was shot down in December 1944 and held as a Prisoner of War until February 1945, when she finally received a call on Valentine's Day that he was safe; and

WHEREAS, upon William's return, the two moved around the country to various Air Force bases including Illinois, Mississippi, Washington, California, and Utah and also spent three years living in London during the 1950's, where she witnessed Queen Elizabeth's coronation in 1953, and travelled around Europe sightseeing; and

WHEREAS, during this time, Lucille and William built a beautiful family of four sons and she worked on perfecting her favorite two pastimes of cooking, which she says was important with all those hungry boys, and embroidery, making her prized possession, a 12 days of Christmas tree skirt that she still uses every holiday; and

WHEREAS, Lucille and William settled in Florida in 1964 where William worked for Boeing at Cape Canaveral and they lived there happily until William passed away in 2015, just shy of their 72nd wedding anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Lucille's family has grown over the years by six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and she plans to celebrate this special milestone birthday with the whole family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA does hereby recognize and commend

LUCILLE BELL

And wishes her a very happy 100th birthday.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 7th day of October, A.D., 2021.

RITA PRITCHETT, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

RACHEL SADOFF, CLERK