



Proclamation #18-121

WHEREAS, The Town of Surfside Beach has a history of supporting, recognizing, and remembering its Veterans;
and

WHEREAS, Mr. Theodore "Ted" Ross is a Veteran of World War II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ross served in the United States Army as a Staff Sergeant, Technician Fourth Grade, Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron Mechanized; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ross received the Silver Star for his courageous actions during the Battle of the Bulge fought in December 1944, during which Adolph Hitler attempted to split the Allied armies in northwest Europe by means of a surprise blitzkrieg thrust through the Ardennes to Antwerp. Caught off-guard, American units fought desperate battles to stem the German advance at St.-Vith, Elsenborn Ridge, Houffalize and Bastogne. As the Germans drove deeper into the Ardennes in an attempt to secure vital bridgeheads, the Allied line took on the appearance of a large bulge, giving rise to the battle's name. Lieutenant General George S. Patton's successful maneuvering of the Third Army to Bastogne proved vital to the Allied defense, leading to the neutralization of the German counteroffensive despite heavy casualties; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ross will celebrate his 100th birthday on May 30th, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert F. Childs, Mayor of the Town of Surfside Beach, hereby proclaim that in recognition of his outstanding Military Service and contributions to the community, Mr. Theodore "Ted" Ross shall be hereafter known as an Honorary Citizen of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina, and herewith bestow upon him a Key to the Town.

BE IT SO PROCLAIMED this 28th day of May 2018.

The Hon. Robert F. Childs, III
Mayor, Town of Surfside Beach

Attest: _____
Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

