

Proclamation

Whereas, Charles Batz and sister Emma Batz were life long residents of the Town of Ellington until their deaths, in 1992 and 1996 successively; and

Whereas, Emma Batz served as Secretary to the School Board during the 1930's, was a volunteer at Rockville General Hospital for many years and was a member of the Rockville American Legion Auxiliary; and

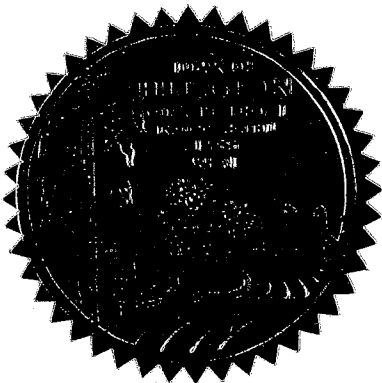
Whereas, Charles Batz served as Democratic Deputy Registrar from 1923 to 1935, as Democratic Registrar from 1935 to 1939, served as Justice of the Peace 1945 to 1965 and was instrumental in helping to organize the first town fire company in 1928; and


Whereas, Charles Batz also served in World War I, having engaged in active service in France as a member of Company E, 328th Infantry of the 82nd Division of the United States Army; and

Whereas, Charles Batz and Emma Batz, bequeathed to the Town of Ellington 45 acres of rich farmland, known as the "Batz Farm", located at 97 Shenipsit Street, with the stipulation that said acreage is to be allowed to grow wild, with walking trails to be maintained as a nature preserve for educational and conservation purposes for the benefit and enjoyment of the public;

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis C. Milanovich, First Selectman of the Town of Ellington, Connecticut, on behalf of all its citizens, and by order of the Board of Selectmen, do hereby induct Emma Batz and Charles Batz to the Ellington Wall of Honor in recognition of all their contributions to the Town of Ellington, and especially for their generous gift of a nature preserve for all to enjoy.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the Town of Ellington to be affixed this eleventh day of September 2004.




Dennis C. Milanovich
First Selectman

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Whereas, John G. Turner settled in Ellington in 1956 and raised his family here; and

Whereas, John G. Turner served his community as a member of the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department from 1956 until his death in 1968; and

Whereas, John G. Turner, established and implemented the first organized training programs for firefighters, serving as the Department's Drillmaster for several years; and

Whereas, John G. Turner, played a key role in organizing and running the Tolland County Firefighters' Muster which was an annual event featuring friendly competition between all of the fire departments in Tolland County; and

Whereas, John G. Turner was an active member of the Fire Department Truck Committee, which was instrumental in the purchase of the Department's first Engine Tank Pumper in 1966; and

Whereas, John G. Turner, supported the Fire Department's community events having served as Chairperson of the First Firefighters Parade held in conjunction with their annual carnival; and

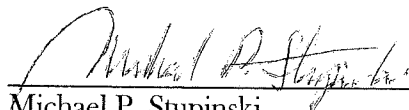
Whereas, John G. Turner, in responding to a fire call in 1968, died in the line of duty when he suffered a heart attack while attempting to fight the blaze; and

Whereas, John G. Turner demonstrated extraordinary dedication to his community and his tragic death caused much sorrow among its residents;

Now, Therefore, I, Michael P. Stupinski, First Selectman of the Town of Ellington, Connecticut, on behalf of all its citizens, and by order of the Board of Selectmen, do hereby induct John G. Turner to the Ellington Wall of Honor in recognition of all his contributions to the Town of Ellington, and especially for the ultimate sacrifice he made while serving his community.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the Town of Ellington to be affixed this sixth day of September 2003.





Michael P. Stupinski
First Selectman