



PROCLAMATION

HONORING TESSIE BRANSCOMB IN RECOGNITION OF A LIFETIME OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION

WHEREAS, Tessie Branscomb, a beloved and longstanding member of our community, celebrates her 90th birthday; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 30, Tessie began teaching swim lessons to local children and has continued this service for more than six decades shaping confident swimmers and instilling lifelong respect for the water; and

WHEREAS, Tessie has demonstrated unwavering commitment to aquatic safety, earning her lifeguard certificate at a young age and maintaining it well into her 70s, ensuring the well-being of countless swimmers; and

WHEREAS, through her dedication, Tessie has taught multiple generations of families, becoming a trusted and cherished figure whose influence spans parents, children, and grandchildren alike; and

WHEREAS, at 90 years old, Tessie continues to teach with exceptional passion, energy, and kindness, serving as an inspiration to all who know her and strengthening the fabric of our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jason Godeke, Mayor of the City of Fort Bragg, on behalf of the entire City Council, proudly recognize and honor Tessie Branscomb for her extraordinary contributions, her lifelong devotion to aquatic education and safety, and the profound, lasting impact she has made on generations of families. In witness whereof, this proclamation is presented with gratitude, admiration, and heartfelt appreciation.

SIGNED this 13th day of April, 2026

JASON GODEKE, Mayor

ATTEST:

Diana Paoli
City Clerk

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