

City of El Paso de Robles

PROCLAMATION

Ed Monteath – 100 Year Proclamation

WHEREAS, *Edward Berlendis Monteath was born in St. Louis, Missouri in 1918 to parents Edward and Marie and sister Mary Lou; and*

WHEREAS, *Ed's mother stimulated his interest in reading at a very young age; encouraged his interest in aviation by designing his own model airplanes; and supported his pursuit of excellence in Math and Science; and*

WHEREAS, *In 1939, Monteath participated in a Civilian Pilot Training Program; received his pilot's license; and took his first flight in a Piper J-3 Cub; and*

WHEREAS, *Monteath attended Washington University in St. Louis as a Mechanical Engineer Major and graduated in 1940 and*

WHEREAS, *Before the outbreak of WWII, he joined the Navy and became a Naval Aeronautical Engineer reporting to the Naval Reserve Air Base at Lambert Field in July 1940 where he was assumed the duties of Flight Instructor, Ed was soon promoted to Squadron Chief Flight Instructor where he instructed naval cadets in dive bombing, gunnery and field carrier landing practice; and*

WHEREAS, *In 1944, he requested a combat assignment and was sent to Naval Dive Bomber Sq. VB306 Pacific Theater of Operations. During this time, he flew the Dauntless SBD logging 20 missions and earning 2 Air Medals and was also awarded the Distinguished Fly Cross for a precision bomb run on an enemy target on Rubal.*

WHEREAS, *Ed made the difficult decision to resign from the active Navy in February 1953 but continued his service to our country in the Naval Reserve for another 8 years retiring after 20 years with the rank of Captain, in 1961; and*

WHEREAS, *He joined Rocketdyne to manage the Atlas missile engines, completing their development, production and deployment into our national ICBM defense program with the US Air Force; and*

WHEREAS, *Ed received the first ever Commander's Award for his meritorious service and many contributions to the United States Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Program, and;*

WHEREAS, *Monteath spent over eight years developing Atlas engines with some of the most powerful propellants, laid the foundation for extraordinary advancements in scientific developments; and is renowned for taking ideas and turning them into operational successes; and*

WHEREAS, *For 21 years, Ed continued his successful career managing many Divisions of Rocketdyne, including the Production Program, Research and Development, Propulsion and Spacecraft Engines Systems, and Advanced Programs and Technical Marketing; and*

WHEREAS, *His many life achievements are only surpassed by the love of his family; his wife Madelyn who was the supportive pillar and his five children, Barbara, Nancy, Edward, Douglas and David, and 8 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren; and*

WHEREAS, *Monteath moved to Paso Robles in 1989 and spent his retirement golfing and traveling the world.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Steven W. Martin, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and speaking on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby honor the incredible life of Ed Monteath, congratulate him on 100 years of lifetime accomplishments and thank him for his service to our country and his contributions to the advancement of scientific developments.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 19th day of June 2018,
I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the
City of Paso Robles to be affixed.*

*Steven W. Martin, Mayor
City of El Paso de Robles*