

PROCLAMATION BY THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HONORING CHARLES E. ROSE

WHEREAS, Charles E. Rose; was born on February 28, 1926, and will celebrate his 100th birthday on February 28, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Union County Board of Commissioners seeks to honor Mr. Rose for his long and valued life of service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rose lived in his home state of Missouri for many years and moved to Union County approximately one year ago, where he now resides with daughter Elizabeth and son-in-law Mike Farley; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rose served his country in the military for approximately 23 years, including active duty in World War II and the Korean War. During World War II, he participated in multiple amphibious assaults across the Pacific, Saipan, Guam, and Leyte facing enemy fire, kamikaze attacks, and the hazards of combat at just 17 years old. His courage, resilience, and selflessness exemplify the dedication of "The Greatest Generation"; and

WHEREAS, following his honorable military service, Mr. Rose attended college and earned his degree in special education, thereafter, serving as a public school teacher and mentor for approximately 20 years; and

WHEREAS, during those years, Mr. Rose married and helped raise four children, with his family now including four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter; and

WHEREAS, since moving to Union County, Mr. Rose has been warmly welcomed by the community and continues to serve as a cherished example of integrity, perseverance, and service to others; and

WHEREAS, the Union County Board of Commissioners joins with Mr. Rose's family honoring his birthday and celebrating his remarkable life as an outstanding citizen, veteran, educator, and family patriarch; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor the incredible life, legacy, and sacrifices of Charles E. Rose as he reaches this remarkable 100-year milestone.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Union County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim February 28, 2026, as Charles E. Rose Day in Union County, North Carolina, honoring his 100th Birthday, his valiant military service in World War II and the Korean War, and his dedicated career as an educator. The Union County Board of Commissioners encourages all Union County residents to recognize the invaluable contributions of this hero.

Adopted on this 17th day of February 2026.

ATTEST:

Lynn G. West, Clerk to the
Union County Board of Commissioners

Brian W. Helms, Chair