

Proclamation

WHEREAS St. Augustine resident Hank Lantelme celebrated his 90th birthday on March 31, 2007, with a party given in his honor at the downtown public tennis courts by members of The Wonderful St. Augustine Tennis Group, and

WHEREAS Hank promoted the interests of St. Augustine by warmly welcoming any and all tennis-playing tourists and snowbirds into the tennis group, and

WHEREAS Hank encouraged the City's budding young tennis players who participated in the summer tennis programs, and

WHEREAS Hank provided for the group's comfort by handcrafting three wooden benches which he transported and installed at the public courts, and

WHEREAS Hank provided inspiration to all who met him by his care and devotion to his ailing wife, first as sole caregiver in their own home for several years and later as constant companion to her in her nursing home until her death in 2004, and

WHEREAS Hank showed amazing courage and perseverance in overcoming physical hardships by returning to tennis in less than 3 months after each of two knee replacements, one at age 86 and one at age 87, and

WHEREAS Hank earned our lasting respect, admiration, and gratitude as a 30-year veteran of the United States Navy, having served at Pearl Harbor in World War II, and

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine is honored to render this proclamation in recognition of **Henry "Hank" A. Lantelme** for his long, faithful, and continuing role as the ambassador of tennis for the City of St. Augustine and most active member of The Wonderful St. Augustine Tennis Group.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the City of St. Augustine to be affixed this 10th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven, and the four hundred and forty-first year of the founding of St. Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City.

Joe Boles, Mayor