



City of St. Charles

I L L I N O I S

Proclamation

MELVIN PETERSON DAY

WHEREAS, Melvin Peterson recently just celebrated his 91st birthday. He married his wife Ruth Anderson of Wasco in 1945, where they both moved to Airport Farm now Pheasant Run property and later moved to St. Charles and worked in the Shipping Department of St. Charles Kitchen; and

WHEREAS, Melvin's farming experience prepared him to take over the Wasco Blacksmith Shop where he remained for the next 39 years; and

WHEREAS, Melvin has earned himself the unofficial title as a walking/talking history book of St. Charles. No one still alive today can give you chapter and verse about the agricultural history of the area; and

WHEREAS, Melvin has given a lifetime of civic and volunteer service: being most proud of his years of work on the boards of the Baker Community Center for nearly 70 years and the St. Charles Heritage Center; and

WHEREAS, Melvin is most fond of the project that saved the historic 2,500-pound bronze bell anchored in the front of the Heritage Center. He worked for months in the blacksmith shop to fix, clean, and mount the historic bell for its permanent home; and

WHEREAS, Melvin was also an usher at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church for 50 years as well as being the church Historian.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor of the City of St. Charles am privileged to give honor to Melvin Peterson for his work as the treasurer for the St. Charles Heritage Center as well as he is considered a "go-to" guy for any inquiries or projects that include data or material dating back 25 years or more. I do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 17, 2012 as MELVIN PETERSON DAY in the City of St. Charles and on behalf of all the people of our community offer our sincerest Congratulations and Best Wishes!

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Donald P. DeWitte

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