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Proclamation in Recognition of Thomas J. Murphy for his outstanding acts of heroism and service to our country

Whereas, Thomas J. Murphy was born on March 9, 1926 in New York City, New York. He spent his childhood and teen years in Groton, Connecticut where he graduated from Robert E. Fitch High School. An outstanding student, Mr. Murphy served as class president and student council member and lettered in varsity football. Mr. Murphy graduated from high school on June 6, 1944, D-Day; and

Whereas, on June 8, 1944, Mr. Murphy was inducted into the United States Army. He completed infantry training and left for the European Theatre of Operations in December 1944. During his duty in Europe, he served in the "L" Company, 179th Infantry, 45th Division. He was active in the Colmar Pocket, freeing the Siegfried Line, crossing of the Rhine River, capture of Homberg, Nurnberg and Munich. Mr. Murphy fought under General Patch and General Patton; and

Whereas, Mr. Murphy was awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, European Campaign Medal with two bronze service stars, WWII Medal, Army of Occupation Medal with Germany clasp, Combat Infantry Badge 1st Award and Marksman Badge with Machine Gun Bar and Rifle Bar.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Mayor and City Council of Rochester Hills hereby recognize Thomas J. Murphy with sincere gratitude and abiding respect for his outstanding acts of heroism and service to our country.