



# TOWN OF WATERTOWN

## Town Council

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## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** The Quality of life in a community is enhanced by the commitment and willingness of an individual to give of his or her time, talent and service; and,

**WHEREAS:** Anthony R. Basile was born at home on July 14, 1919 in East Watertown. He was one of fourteen children born to Joseph and Dora (Fazio) Basile. Anthony attended elementary school at the Coolidge School and subsequently the East Junior High School, whereupon he was forced to discontinue his education in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade in order to earn money to assist his family; and,

**WHEREAS:** Anthony was drafted in 1941 prior to the beginning of World War II and was sent to Camp Edwards on Cape Cod for basic training. He was a member of the Yankee Division and spent his first years of the war in training in the United States; and,

**WHEREAS:** Before being sent to England, Anthony married the love of his life, Mary (Paone) of Watertown. From England his division was sent, along with many other troops, to France where they joined forces to invade Normandy Beach. He fought across Europe including participating in the Battle of the Bulge, where he was wounded. Anthony received the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star for his bravery. On his way back to the United States, while on leave in Paris he met his two brothers at the Eiffel Tower who were also participants in the European Campaign; and,

**WHEREAS:** After the war, Anthony returned to his beloved wife Mary and to Watertown. He worked for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology until his retirement in 1983. Anthony is in good health and enjoys his three grandsons and two great grand children who live in Birmingham, Alabama. Anthony recently went on his first Safari with his great grand children and hand fed a giraffe; something he had never done before!

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Town Council of the City known as the Town of Watertown does hereby express its profound best wishes to Anthony R. Basile upon his **90<sup>th</sup> Birthday** and thank him for his unselfish commitment to Country, dedication to family and friends; and wish him many more years of health and happiness.

### IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

I hereunto set my Hand and cause the  
Great Seal of the Town of Watertown,  
Massachusetts on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009.

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Clyde L. Younger, Council President