

Office of the Mayor Proclamation

Borough of Tinton Falls County of Monmouth
September 23, 2026

Proclamation Celebrating the 104th Birthday of Esther Charlotte Adelia Rojack

WHEREAS, Esther was born in 1922 in South Bound Brook, New Jersey to Stephen and Della Clyde, the second of five children, and is today the beloved and only surviving sibling of her family; and

WHEREAS, in 1948 she married her husband, Edward, and together raised three children, Skip, Eileen, and Adele, building a family that has grown to include eight grandchildren, two of whom lovingly serve as her caregivers, Lora Smith-Staines and Kevin Smith, and four great-grandchildren who bring her constant joy, especially her treasured Sully and Maya; and

WHEREAS, Esther reached a 10th-grade education at a time when such achievement was uncommon for women, and went on to build a proud 19-year career as a bookkeeper for a national restaurant company at Colgate Research in Piscataway; and

WHEREAS, Esther's lifelong love of reading and crossword puzzles has evolved with time, and she continues to pursue learning and literature through audiobooks and the support of her community; and

WHEREAS, Esther has lived in Somerset, Holiday City, and Toms River, maintaining her independence until age 101, and is now grateful for the new "family" she has found at Arbor Terrace; and

WHEREAS, she is a passionate sports enthusiast and a devoted fan of the New York Jets and especially the New York Yankees, rarely missing a game and cheering with spirited enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, she remains a cherished member of The Presbyterian Church of Toms River, whose congregants continue to visit her and bring her communion, reflecting the unwavering faith and fellowship that have been cornerstones of her life; and

WHEREAS, Esther is adored by all who meet her and is known for her intelligence, outspoken nature, wit, and joyful laughter that continues to brighten every room;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Risa Clay, do hereby honor Esther Charlotte Adelia Rojack, the momentous occasion of her 104th birthday, celebrating her extraordinary life, her enduring spirit, and the profound impact she has made on her family, friends, and community.



Risa Clay

Mayor Risa Clay