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PROCLAMATION

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF FRANK SHATZ FEBRUARY 17, 2026

WHEREAS, Mr. Frank Shatz, a resident of Williamsburg, Virginia, and a respected journalist, author, community leader, and holocaust survivor, celebrates the extraordinary milestone of his 100th birthday; and has dedicated his life to enriching our community, leaving a lasting impact on our region's media, civic dialogue, and shared knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shatz is a survivor of the Holocaust and has publicly shared his experiences through written accounts, interviews, and video documenting his survival, loss, and journey to the United States; and

WHEREAS, he chronicled his remarkable life experiences in his book, "Reports from a Distant Place," in a unique portrayal of his Holocaust survival, by preserving personal reflections and historical observations for future generations; and

WHEREAS, more than forty years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Shatz discovered Williamsburg while traveling from their home in Lake Placid, New York, and soon made it their permanent home; and

WHEREAS, through his eloquent writings, Mr. Shatz has celebrated the city's historic charm, cultural richness, natural beauty, and the vibrant community that makes Williamsburg such a special place to live; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shatz served as an International Affairs columnist for The Virginia Gazette for thirty-eight (38) years, during which he analyzed global political developments, international conflict, diplomacy, and foreign policy issues for local readers, helping connect the Williamsburg community to world events through historical context; and

WHEREAS, reaching one hundred years of age is a rare and distinguished achievement, reflecting a lifetime of experience, wisdom, service, and meaningful contribution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that York County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes and congratulates **Frank Shatz** on the occasion of his 100th Birthday.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Board honors and celebrates this remarkable milestone in the life of Mr. Shatz.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the County of York, Virginia, to be affixed this the 17th day of February, 2026.



Douglas R. Holroyd, Chairman
York County Board of Supervisors