

Office of the Mayor

Township of Bordentown

Proclamation

WHEREAS, 1SG Richard J. Pinter, USA, Retired, was born in Trenton and lived in Bordentown Township with his beloved wife, Irene, of 53 years, three daughters, Diana, Judi, and Kathy and five grandchildren, William, Robert, Benjamin, Andrea and Norman, three great grandchildren, Connor, Chase and Sophia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pinter owned his own business, AZ Music Center, and retired after 38 years from the Adjutant General's 276th Army Band of Pennsylvania as Sergeant and Bandmaster; and

WHEREAS, he participated in the planning of the Bordentown Township's Veterans Day Ceremony for ten years which was noted to be the Best in Burlington County; made appearances at 21 cemeteries across Burlington County on Memorial Day since the year 2000 to sound "TAPS" and recite the Bugler's Prayer in honor of fallen veterans. In 2012, he participated in the 150th Anniversary of the Bugle Call TAPS at Arlington National Cemetery in remembrance of those who faithfully served the United States during times of War and Peace; and

WHEREAS, in February of 2009, the Bordentown Township Committee adopted an ordinance that changed the name of the street where he resided, once known as Roosevelt Avenue, to Lone Bugler Way, in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pinter received numerous awards that included Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Award, Army NCO Professional Development Ribbon with Bronze No. 4 and numerous awards from other organizations that included Man of the Year AHCA. He was also honored by the City of Bordentown, Township of Bordentown, American Legion, Mercer County Veterans, Association of the National Guard, American Hungarian Civic Association, and the Vietnam Veterans to name a few; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bordentown, Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 28 F&AM, Musicians Local 62, PAESGR, PNGEA, EANGUS and many other organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pinter dedicated time to having patriotic talks at schools, nursing homes, hospitals, and senior centers. He was honored with the request to perform for the World War II Memorial Dedication Ceremony on the USS NJ and assisted in reserving a portion of the Bordentown Cemetery for veterans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pinter was a dedicated family man to his wife, children and grandchildren. His life's passion was to educate people about this great nation and to honor all the fallen comrades who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and for those who have served and are currently serving our great nation during the times of War and Peace;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Cann, Mayor of Bordentown Township, do hereby order the American Flag located at the Bordentown Township Municipal Complex be lowered to half-staff on February 20, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. and shall remain at half-staff until February 24, 2015, at 8:00 a.m. This action shall commemorate the lifelong service of this country's fallen hero, dedicated friend to the community and stellar humanitarian, 1SG Richard J. Pinter, USA, Retired, "The Lone Bugler".

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JAMES CANN
MAYOR