



**WHEREAS**, more than 80 years ago a generation of Americans were summoned to serve the United States of America during World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, through years of combat and captivity, American service members and allied forces overcame some of the most unforgiving conditions in modern warfare. They weathered bitter winters and punishing heat. They fought on with courage and distinction, often outgunned and outmanned. Many Americans suffered wounds – both physical and mental - that would never fully heal. Many more never returned home; and

**WHEREAS**, most of all, we honor the Americans who gave their lives defending countries they had never known and people they had never met. Their legacy lives on in the hearts of the American people; and

**WHEREAS**, more than eight decades later, we renew that call to honor and reflect. Now and forever, let us pay tribute to all veterans by upholding the ideals they fought to protect, and by supporting them with the care and respect they so deeply deserve; and

**WHEREAS**, we salute and pay tribute to the unwavering bravery of Johnnie W. Flores who gave his life as a participant in the Battle of the Bulge on December 12, 1944 serving with Company B, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, of the 3rd Armored Division.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Weldon P. Cude, The Honorable Judge of the County of Atascosa, do hereby proclaim December 12, 2024 as:

## **“PFC Johnnie W. Flores Day”**

in the County of Atascosa, and urge our residents to observe this day in honor of Pfc Johnnie W. Flores and his service to our country.

**PROCLAIMED** this 9th day of December, 2024.

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The Honorable Judge Weldon P. Cude  
Atascosa County Judge