

CITY OF WYLIE

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Proclamation

Whereas, Dorie Miller served as an honorable member of the United States Navy beginning in 1939 serving as a Messman Third Class on the U.S.S. West Virginia; and

Whereas, Dorie Miller reported that he was prepared for duty when the West Virginia was attacked by Japanese submarines and airplanes in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941; and

Whereas, Dorie Miller carried the ship's captain, Mervyn Bennion, who had been mortally wounded, to a sheltered location on the ship; and

Whereas, Dorie Miller loaded unmanned anti-aircraft machine guns after getting orders from his superior, Lieutenant Frederic H. White, and shot down a number of Japanese planes that were attacking the West Virginia and its crew; and

Whereas, Dorie Miller was ordered to carry officers and sailors from the line of fire through oil and water to a safer part of the harbor where the West Virginia was anchored; and

Whereas, in May of 1942, Dorie Miller received the Navy Cross, the third highest honor given by the Navy; and

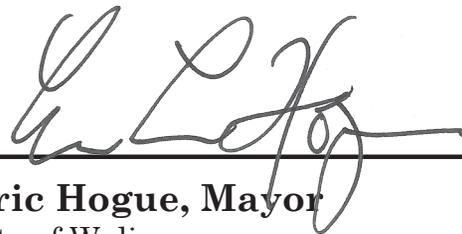
Whereas, numerous groups of citizens immediately began to petition the Congress and the White House to have Dorie Miller awarded the Medal of Honor.

Now therefore, I, Eric Hogue, Mayor of the City of Wylie, Texas, join the United States Conference of Mayors in petitioning the Congress, the Secretary of the Navy and President Barack Obama to take action that would lead to the Medal of Honor being awarded posthumously to American hero,

Dorie Miller

for services rendered to his country during time of great peril.




Eric Hogue, Mayor
City of Wylie
State of Texas