

**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**A BIRTHDAY CERTIFICATE**

HONORING

*Jerold "Jerry" Willard Apps*

*WHEREAS*; born on July 25, 1934, Jerold "Jerry" Willard Apps, lifelong Wisconsinite, author, historian, storyteller, and educator, is turning 90 this year; and

*WHEREAS*; Jerry has made significant contributions to literature, education, and storytelling in the state of Wisconsin, having created several notable documentaries and published dozens of nonfiction and fiction books ranging a diverse spectrum of topics and interest areas; and


*WHEREAS*; Jerry also served as an educator, teaching creative writing workshops, presenting to Wisconsin libraries and historical society groups, and serving as a professor emeritus at the University of Wisconsin (UW)-Madison; and

*WHEREAS*; throughout the course of his life, Jerry has amassed numerous accolades including, but not limited to, a regional Emmy award for the TV documentary *A Farm Winter*, UW-Madison's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Distinguished Service Award, induction to the Wisconsin 4-H hall of Fame, and he was named a Fellow by the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters; and

*WHEREAS*; Jerry embodies the Wisconsin values of kindness, creativity, and selflessness, and the state of Wisconsin is deeply grateful for his many contributions over the course of his long and storied career;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby congratulate Jerold "Jerry" Willard Apps upon the occasion of his 90th birthday and thank him for his commendable service to the great state of Wisconsin.

DONE ON THIS 11TH DAY OF JUNE 2024.

  
*Tony Evers*  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR