



Proclamation

By The County Executive

Recognizing Elinor “Ellie” Kraut

Whereas, the Mercer County Tennis Hall of Fame was created in 1992 to honor Mercer County residents who have made significant contributions to the game of tennis; and

Whereas, Elinor “Ellie” Kraut is now being inducted posthumously into the Mercer County Tennis Hall of Fame as a member of the Class of 2020; and

Whereas, Elinor “Ellie” Kraut played a variety of sports while growing up in Princeton, with one of her favorite destinations being the public tennis courts where her father taught her and her siblings how to play the game; and

Whereas, Elinor “Ellie” Kraut, after graduating from Smith College, found that tennis had become her main sporting passion, and when offered the chance to teach tennis at the Trenton YWCA, she accepted and discovered she had a knack for instruction, leading to a lifelong career devoted to tennis and teaching others; and

Whereas, Elinor “Ellie” Kraut won numerous singles and doubles titles in Mercer County from the 1950s to the 1970s, partnering with various family members; and

Whereas, Elinor “Ellie” Kraut taught tennis at various organizations in Mercer County while being devoted to the home program that she developed in Ewing Township, where she could combine her passion and career with raising her nine children; and

Whereas, Elinor “Ellie” Kraut demonstrated a commitment to family and tennis, and instilled the love of sports in general and tennis in particular to her children and, over the decades, to hundreds of players, sometimes two generations from the same family,

Now, Therefore, I, Brian M. Hughes, Mercer County Executive, do hereby commend Elinor “Ellie” Kraut for her dedication to playing, promoting and teaching the game of tennis, and celebrate her posthumous induction into the Mercer County Tennis Hall of Fame.

BRIAN M. HUGHES
MERCER COUNTY EXECUTIVE