



C. L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

December 17, 2009

Vernon J. Baker
650 Vernon Lane
Saint Maries, ID 83861

Dear Vernon,

On behalf of the people of Idaho, Happy Birthday! On the remarkable occasion of your 90th birthday it is important for all Idahoans to recognize – with deep gratitude – the remarkable life you have led.

Your valor and sacrifice in service of our nation during World War II helped preserve the freedoms we cherish as Americans, ensuring they continue on for future generations. Following your remarkable service, you continued to lead a life of distinction, dedicating yourself to the continued service of your community, including your time as a member of the Idaho Human Rights Commission. You are among those special people who make Idaho and our nation the greatest place to live in the world. You are an example to all of us, and Idaho is grateful for your service and humbled by your civic virtue.

In your honor, I have proclaimed December 17, 2009, your 90th birthday, to be "Vernon J. Baker Day" throughout the entire state of Idaho. Best wishes for a happy 90th birthday celebration and many more in the years to come.

As Always – Idaho, "Esto Perpetua"

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C.L. Butch Otter".

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C.L. "Butch" Otter
Governor of Idaho