

**RESOLUTION NO. 103-12**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA  
IN SUPPORT OF EFFORTS BY THE CITY OF HERCULES TO HAVE THE SECTION  
OF HIGHWAY 4 IN HERCULES NAMED IN HONOR OF FORMER HERCULES  
MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER JOE EDDY MCDONALD**

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**WHEREAS**, Joe Eddy McDonald grew up in North Richmond, where he attended Verde Elementary School, Helms Junior High School in San Pablo, and graduated from Richmond Union High School; and

**WHEREAS**, McDonald was elected to the Hercules City Council in November 2006 and served one four-year term; he was mayor from December 2008 to December 2009. Previously he had served on the City Planning Commission, from December 2002 to November 2006, the last 2½ years as chairman; and

**WHEREAS**, tragedy struck the McDonald family on Oct. 3, 1994, when Joe's daughter Kimaree McDonald, 25, and her cousin Tiffane Spencer, 17, were killed when their car crashed head-on into a big rig on a winding, notoriously dangerous two-lane stretch of Highway 4 in West Contra Costa known as "Blood Alley" as they were returning home from buying an anniversary present for Joe Eddy and his wife Mary Ann McDonald; and

**WHEREAS**, vowing to keep others from suffering the same tragic fate, Joe Eddy and Mary Ann McDonald spearheaded a campaign to widen and divide the highway, collecting 10,000 signatures on a petition to state lawmakers, making presentations to local government agencies, and organizing a community walk carrying wooden crosses wrapped in yellow ribbons that represented accident victims killed on the roadway since the 1970s; and

**WHEREAS**, working with his wife, Joe Eddy's advocacy eventually led to the \$86 million Highway 4 West divided highway project, which added two lanes and related safety improvements that have prevented tragic auto fatalities such as that which claimed his family members.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Richmond City Council does hereby support efforts by the City of Hercules to have the section of Highway 4 in Hercules named in honor of former Hercules Mayor and Councilmember Joe Eddy McDonald.

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I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the Members of the City Council of the City of Richmond at a special meeting held on July 31, 2012, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Boozé, Butt, Ritterman, Vice Mayor Rogers, and Mayor McLaughlin.  
NOES: None.  
ABSTENTIONS: None.  
ABSENT: None.

DIANE HOLMES  
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND

(SEAL)

Approved:

GAYLE MCLAUGHLIN  
Mayor

Approved as to form:

BRUCE GOODMILLER  
City Attorney

State of California            }  
County of Contra Costa        }        : ss.  
City of Richmond               }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 103-12, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a special meeting held on July 31, 2012.