

RESOLUTION NO. 74-13

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA IN SUPPORT OF NAMING THE WILLOW AVENUE OVERCROSSING OVER STATE HIGHWAY ROUTE 4 IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY AS THE JOE EDDY MCDONALD MEMORIAL OVERCROSSING

WHEREAS, Joe Eddy McDonald was born on March 6, 1945 in Arkansas, his family moved to Richmond, California in 1950; and,

WHEREAS, Joe Eddy received his education in the West Contra Costa County School district where he graduated from Richmond Union High School. After high school Joe Eddy enlisted in the United States Navy for a two-year tour of duty and then earned an Associate of Arts degree in business from Contra Costa College. He also completed professional development courses offered by Duke and Harvard universities; and,

WHEREAS, in 1994 Joe Eddy lost his daughter and niece in a tragic car accident. This led Joe Eddy to spearhead a campaign to widen and divide the two-lane stretch of Highway 4 in West Contra Costa County. Joe Eddy and his wife, Mary Ann, collected over 10,000 signatures on a petition to state lawmakers, made presentations to governmental agencies, and organized community members. This advocacy led to \$86 million Highway 4 West project, which added two lanes; and,

WHEREAS, Joe Eddy served as area director for the National Association of the Postmasters of the United States, was also a founding member of BAPAC, a founding member of the Hercules NAACP chapter, past President of the Rodeo and Hercules Rotary clubs, and served on the Hercules Planning Commission from 2002 to 2006; and,

WHEREAS, in 2006, Joe Eddy successfully campaigned to serve on the Hercules City Council, serving as Vice Mayor in 2008 and as Mayor in 2009; and,

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2012 Joe Eddy died a man of faith and was succeeded by his wife Mary Ann McDonald, daughter Meiko McDonald, and granddaughter Kimaree McDonald Solomon all of Hercules.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Richmond hereby support SCR 44 (DeSaulnier) to name the Willow Avenue Overcrossing over State Highway Route 4 in Contra Costa County as the Joe Eddy McDonald Memorial Overcrossing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Richmond hereby directs staff to send a copy of this resolution to Senator Mark DeSaulnier.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held on **July 16, 2013**, by the following vote:

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

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. 74-13**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on July 16, 2013.