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A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SPECIFIC SECTIONS OF ROADWAYS WITHIN THE CITY OF TERRE HAUTE TO HONOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the City of Terre Haute has designated roadways in honor of individuals for achievements or contributions to the community; and

WHEREAS, emergency responders – law enforcement personnel and firefighters – risk their lives each day to protect and serve the citizens of this community; and

WHEREAS, throughout the City's history, several emergency responders have been killed in the line of duty – the ultimate sacrifice for our safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City of Terre Haute wishes to honor these emergency responders by designating specific sections of roadways in their honor. In some instances, the designated roadway represents the area where the emergency responder gave his life in service of this community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Terre Haute, that the following emergency responders are honored by designating the indicated roadways in their honor:

Vigo County Sheriff Deputy **John M. Cleary** died on April 9, 1892, as a result of a bullet that had been lodged in his chest. Deputy Cleary was shot on two occasions - after tracking down a burglary suspect on June 8, 1877, and May 3, 1878. Cleary recovered from the gunshot wounds and later served as Vigo County Sheriff from 1883 to 1887. He was a 23-year veteran of the Department.

*Memorial Roadway: 5<sup>th</sup> Street from Ohio Street to Poplar Street*

On July 26, 1897, while attempting to relight a light pole at the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Lafayette Avenue, Terre Haute Firefighter **Daniel "Dan" Roper** was killed when a short in the pole shocked him. A member of Hose Co. 1, Roper was 41-years old at the time of his death.

*Memorial Roadway: Lafayette Avenue from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to 7<sup>th</sup> Street*

Terre Haute Fire Department Captain **John Osterloo**, Hose Co. 6, responded to a structure fire at 5<sup>th</sup> and Wabash. While doing inter attack and search for victims, the floor gave way and Osterloo and two other firemen fell to the basement where they all received severe burns to their bodies. Captain Osterloo died at the age of 37 on December 28, 1898.

*Memorial Roadway: 5<sup>th</sup> Street from Cherry Street to Ohio Street*

Chief of Detectives, **William Dwyer**, age 47 and a 20-year veteran of the Terre Haute Police Department was killed in gun battle at the Vigo County Court House in the Circuit Court Room, on April 2, 1908. A man convicted of possession of dynamite pulled a gun and began firing. The gunman was killed in the return gun fire and several people were wounded.

*Memorial Roadway: Harding Avenue from Ohio Street to Poplar Street*

On Election Day, November 3, 1914, 31-year old Vigo County Sheriff Department Deputy **Peter J. Feiler**, was investigating a report of an armed man at the poll at 15<sup>th</sup> and Ash Streets. The suspect shot Deputy Feiler in the abdomen from his coat pocket. Deputy Feiler was able to subdue the suspect, but died as a result of the gunshot wound on November 13, 1914. Feiler was a 2-year veteran of the Department.

*Memorial Roadway: 19<sup>th</sup> Street from Maple Avenue to 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue*

Terre Haute Firefighter **John J. Boland** fell to his death on January 11, 1917. Truck Company 5 and Firefighter Boland were called to a mill fire at 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Maple Avenue. While fighting the fire, the ladder became icy and Boland fell to his death.

*Memorial Roadway: Maple Avenue from 13<sup>th</sup> Street to 19<sup>th</sup> Street*

Terre Haute Police Department Detective **Matthew Dorley**, age 52, was killed January 23, 1919 from gunshot wounds he sustained during a gun battle while he and his partner attempted to arrest three (3) robbery suspects at the 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Vandalia Railroad Yards.

*Memorial Roadway: Tippecanoe Street from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to 7<sup>th</sup> Street*

Terre Haute Firefighter **Abraham Brown** was responding to an emergency call with Fire Truck 10 when it was involved in a motor vehicle accident at 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Barbour Avenue. The fire truck struck a tree, caught fire, and Brown was trapped and unable to escape the truck.

Firefighter Brown, 38-years old, died on April 5, 1921.

*Memorial Roadway: Bridge on 13<sup>th</sup> Street at Elizabeth Avenue*

On May 17, 1921, Terre Haute Firefighter **William T. Sholten**, a 5-year veteran with the Department, was called to a house fire at 3105 North 13 ½ Street. While performing inter attack, a chimney and roof collapsed on Sholten resulting in his death on June 10, 1921. Sholten was 32-years old.

*Memorial Roadway: Fort Harrison Road from 13<sup>th</sup> Street to Lafayette Avenue*

Officer **Herbert Long**, a 4-year veteran of the Terre Haute Police Department was shot and killed at 25<sup>th</sup> Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue on February 2, 1929, while attempting to arrest two (2) men on alcohol-related charges. One of the suspects pulled a gun and shot Officer Long resulting in Long's death at the age of 37.

*Memorial Roadway: 25<sup>th</sup> Street from Locust Street to 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue*

With the Terre Haute Police Department for two years, Officer **Harry Borum**, age 30, was killed on November 23, 1924 at 8<sup>th</sup> Street & Wabash Avenue, after striking his head on the pavement while attempting to arrest a 21-year old suspect.

*Memorial Roadway: 8<sup>th</sup> Street from Ohio Street to Cherry Street*

Terre Haute Police Department Detective **Stephen Kendall**, was shot and killed on December 23, 1924, after interrupting an armed robbery in progress at the "Show Me" filling station, located at Lafayette Avenue and Linden Street. Det. Kendall, a 14-year veteran of the Department, shot and killed one of the suspects during the exchange of gunfire. Detective Kendall was 42-years old.

*Memorial Roadway: Lafayette Avenue from Maple Avenue to 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue*

With the Terre Haute Police Department for five (5) weeks, Officer **Herman Harms**, age 31, was shot and killed near the Wabash River Bridge, by an unknown suspect on January 25, 1925.

*Memorial Roadway: Westbound Span of the Wabash River Bridge*

Terre Haute Police Officer **Walter Lanfair**, age 45, was shot and killed on August 3, 1934, while investigating a burglary in progress at 45 Barton Avenue. Officer Lanfair was with the Department for eleven (11) years.

*Memorial Roadway: 25<sup>th</sup> Street from Wabash Avenue to Ohio Boulevard*

Terre Haute Fire Department Engineer **Remus Hicks**, 48-years old, died on January 18, 1935, when he and Truck Co. 10 were responding to a house fire in the 2500 block of North 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Truck Co. 10 and Truck Co. 7 collided at the corner of 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Collett Street, resulting in Hicks' death.

*Memorial Roadway: Maple Avenue from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to Lafayette Avenue*

In the early morning hours of July 1, 1935, **Robert Day**, a 53-year old Terre Haute Fire Department Captain assigned to Hose Co. 3 and stationed at 13<sup>th</sup> & Chase Streets, heard a noise

on the main floor of the firehouse. It is believed that Day slipped while descending the fire pole and fell to his death on the main floor of the fire station.

*Memorial Roadway: Locust Street from 13<sup>th</sup> Street to 16<sup>th</sup> Street*

On February 25, 1936, while doing inter attack at a house fire on South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, a 29-year veteran of the Terre Haute Fire Department, Hose Co. 2 Captain **John William Blunk**, perished as a result of smoke inhalation.

*Memorial Roadway: 4<sup>th</sup> Street from Poplar Street to Farrington Street*

On July 16, 1936, Vigo County Sheriff Chief Deputy **Joseph Paul Mankin** was shot and killed while attempting to apprehend two armed suspects near the Wabash River Bridge.

*Memorial Roadway: Eastbound Span of the Wabash River Bridge*

An Engineer assigned to Engine 9, **Olie C. Perrill Reed**, a 21-year veteran of the Terre Haute Fire Department suffered a fatal heart attack on November 1, 1945, while en route to an alarm.

*Memorial Roadway: Hulman Street from 13<sup>th</sup> Street to 19<sup>th</sup> Street*

While en route to a gas explosion alarm on June 21, 1951, Terre Haute Fire Department Captain **Richard "Dick" Gray** was killed when his emergency vehicle collided with a City Police car at 19<sup>th</sup> and Washington Streets.

*Memorial Roadway: 19<sup>th</sup> Street from Washington Avenue to Hulman Street*

Terre Haute Police Officer **Wayne Jones**, a 1-year veteran, died on June 25, 1951, in a traffic accident at the age of 35, while on an emergency run at 19<sup>th</sup> Street and Washington Ave.

*Memorial Roadway: Washington Avenue from 19<sup>th</sup> Street to 25<sup>th</sup> Street*

Terre Haute Fire Department Captain **John J. O'Brien**, a 14-year veteran of the Department assigned to Engine No. 8, suffered a fatal heart attack on February 17, 1963, while fighting a fire in the 1100 block of Poplar Street.

*Memorial Roadway: Poplar Street from 9<sup>th</sup> Street to 13<sup>th</sup> Street*

Terre Haute Police Detective **Clarence Thompson**, age 42, 16-year veteran, died from injuries he received from a beating from three unidentified men outside the Coffee Cup Restaurant, located at 211 Mulberry Street on March 8, 1964.

*Memorial Roadway: 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Overpass - Southbound*

Detective **James Utz**, age 40 and a 14-year veteran of the Terre Haute Police Department, died from injuries he sustained in a car/motorcycle accident at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street & Mulberry Street on September 16, 1981.

*Memorial: 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Overpass - Northbound*

21-year veteran Terre Haute Police Detective **Harold “Sonny” Rodgers** was shot and killed on June 16, 1984, by a federal escapee at the Wagon Wheel Lounge located at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street & Walnut Street. Detective Rodgers was 46 years old.

*Memorial: Walnut Street from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street*

Vigo County Sheriff Department Sergeant **Walter Kevin Artz** was fatally wounded on July 1, 1987, when an armed suspect involved in a domestic dispute at 4906 Hendricks Street opened fire on the officers. Sergeant Artz, age 32, had been with the Department for 11 years.

*Memorial Roadway: College Avenue from 19<sup>th</sup> Street to 25<sup>th</sup> Street*

On November 28, 2000, Vigo County Sheriff’s Department Correctional Officer **Aaron Michael Schoffstall** was directing traffic at the scene of an automobile accident on the Wabash River Bridge at State Road 63. The bridge was ice-covered and a vehicle lost control. Schoffstall, with the department for 4-years, fell to his death at the age of 24.

*Memorial Roadway: Poplar Street from Fruitridge Avenue to Keene Lane*

Terre Haute Fire Department Captain Ralph Stott, a 24-year veteran, was fighting a commercial structure fire at 3141 North 25<sup>th</sup> Street with Engine Co. 11, when a cinder block wall collapsed resulting in his death on September 30, 2002.

*Memorial Roadway: 25<sup>th</sup> Street from Maple Avenue to Fort Harrison Road*

Vigo County Sheriff Deputy **Enrico Aquino Garcia, Jr.**, suffered a fatal heart attack while conducting tactical training exercises on September 23, 2007. Deputy Garcia, 44-years old, was a 20-year veteran of the Department.

*Memorial Roadway: College Avenue from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to 13<sup>th</sup> Street*

Terre Haute Police Officer **Brent D. Long** was shot and fatally wounded on July 11, 2011, while serving a felony arrest warrant in the 1800 block of North 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Long and his canine partner, Shadow, encountered gun fire from the suspect inside the home. Officer Long was a 6-year veteran of the THPD.

*Memorial Roadway: Brown Avenue from Wabash Avenue to the 2400 Block of North Brown Avenue*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that while not changing the roadways’ official names, appropriate memorials will be established and erected at particular points within the designations. The signs shall remain in place until a more permanent memorial is established at

the Emergency Responder's Training Academy (ERTA). This memorial shall be built no later than January 1, 2015.

Introduced by: Patrick R. Ralston Patrick Ralston, Councilman

Passed in open Council this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2011.

John Mullican John Mullican, President  
ATTEST: Charles P. Hanley Charles P. Hanley, City Clerk

Presented by me to the Mayor this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2011.

Charles P. Hanley Charles P. Hanley, City Clerk

Approved by me, the Mayor, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2011.

Duke A. Bennett Duke A. Bennett, Mayor  
ATTEST: Charles P. Hanley Charles P. Hanley, City Clerk