

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #08172

BY: Commissioner Robert Gosselin, District #13

IN RE: **DESIGNATING JOHN R ROAD IN HONOR OF GEORGE W. SUAREZ** *RW*

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners
Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen;

WHEREAS George W. Suarez, the late Oakland County Commissioner from District #24 and our colleague and friend was a man who spent his life in the service of his neighbors, community and Oakland County as a whole; and

WHEREAS George W. Suarez served his beloved Madison Heights for almost half the time the city has been in existence – first as a Council Member and later as Madison Heights Mayor for more than twenty years; and

WHEREAS George W. Suarez served his community so admirably that former Madison Heights City Council member Margene Scott is quoted as saying of George, "He's probably the one person who shaped our history more than any other person. He brought us through a very crucial time in our history"; and

WHEREAS after George W. Suarez was elected to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners in 1998, he continued to serve the Madison Heights area as a member of the Knights of Columbus Father Heary Council; the VFW North End Post 140; was on the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club of South Oakland County; and was deeply involved at his beloved St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church. There he served as a Eucharistic Minister, especially helping out the handicapped to make sure all parishioners could get communion, while also serving with the usher board; and

WHEREAS during his entire time in public service, George W. Suarez was highly regarded as a man who made very good decisions for his constituents, was even-handed in running meetings, and listened to all points of view – even those with which he strongly disagreed; and

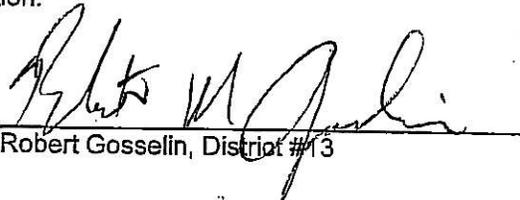
WHEREAS throughout all the ups and downs that surrounded him in his public life, during good times and bad, during calm discussions and heated ones, George W. Suarez always remained a gentleman, a man who had good rapport with colleagues of both political parties, was extremely well liked by all he met, and in the words of Madison Heights Mayor Edward Swanson was "a class act"; and

WHEREAS one of the legacies of George W. Suarez was his success in improving the roads in District 24 – not just in Madison Heights, but in the portions of Troy and Royal Oak which he also served.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners hereby designates John R Road, from Ten Mile Road to Big Beaver Road, as GEORGE W. SUAREZ GENTLEMAN'S HIGHWAY. This new designation will last until December 31, 2008, at which time the street signs with the name "George W. Suarez Gentleman's Highway" will be presented to Mr. Suarez' family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners urges the City of Madison Heights and the City of Troy to join with us in designating John R. Road in honor of Mr. Suarez.

Chairperson, I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.


Robert Gosselin, District #13

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Resolution #08172

August 21, 2008

Moved by Gosselin supported by Nash to suspend the rules and vote on MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #08172 – DESIGNATING JOHN R ROAD IN HONOR OF GEORGE W. SUAREZ.

Vote on motion to suspend the rules:

AYES: Coleman, Coulter, Crawford, Douglas, Gershenson, Gingell, Gosselin, Gregory, Greimel, Hatchett, Jacobsen, Kowall, Long, Middleton, Nash, Potter, Potts, Rogers, Scott, Spector, Woodward, Zack, Bullard, Burns. (24)

NAYS: None. (0)

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the motion to suspend the rules and vote on MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #08172 – DESIGNATING JOHN R ROAD IN HONOR OF GEORGE W. SUAREZ carried.

Moved by Gosselin supported by Nash the resolution be adopted.

AYES: Coulter, Crawford, Douglas, Gershenson, Gingell, Gosselin, Gregory, Greimel, Hatchett, Jacobsen, Kowall, Long, Middleton, Nash, Potter, Potts, Rogers, Scott, Spector, Woodward, Zack, Bullard, Burns, Coleman. (24)

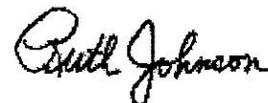
NAYS: None. (0)

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the resolution was adopted.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, Ruth Johnson, Clerk of the County of Oakland, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners on August 21, 2008, with the original record thereof now remaining in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Oakland at Pontiac, Michigan this 21st day of August, 2008.



Ruth Johnson, County Clerk