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**RESOLUTION NO. 25, 2010
AS AMENDED**

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE RENAMING OF THE INDIANA MILE (ALSO KNOWN AS MEMORIAL MILE) AS THE "INDIANA VETERANS' MEMORIAL MILE."

WHEREAS, on May 4, 1925 the Bedford-stone arch honoring World War I Veterans and the original stadium structure, paid for by the City at the cost of approximately \$425,000 (of which \$90,000 of the costs was for the arch structure) was dedicated; and

WHEREAS, the City of Terre Haute Common Council adopted Special Ordinance No. 60, 1966, authorizing the Mayor of the City of Terre Haute to execute an agreement for and on behalf of the City of Terre Haute with Indiana State University Board of Trustees for the use of the property located at the corner of Brown Avenue and The Historic National Road (U.S. Highway 40) (hereinafter "property") for park facilities; and,

WHEREAS, said agreement stated that "the facilities constructed on said property by the City have been in fact dedicated as a memorial to veterans of the armed services of the United States of America who served in World War I, and said facility having been known for many years as the 'Memorial Stadium'; and,

WHEREAS, said 1966 agreement stated that it was the desire and intention of the parties that said facilities may be modified and any new facilities erected thereon shall be maintained, in perpetuity, as a memorial to such veterans; and,

WHEREAS, on November 25, 2002, the City of Terre Haute entered into a Sublease with Indiana State University, in which the City indicated its desire to develop a park for the use of the general public that could accommodate a variety of uses; and

WHEREAS, in December of 2004, the City of Terre Haute dedicated this highly visible trail surrounding said property and shaped as the outline of the State of Indiana as the "Indiana Mile" and also referred to as the Memorial Mile; and

WHEREAS, the City of Terre Haute Common Council has received a request from the Vigo County Veterans' Council (hereinafter referred to as Veterans' Council) seeking designation of a memorial to its Veterans; and

WHEREAS, in support of this request, said Veteran's Council provides the following information:

- Fort Harrison was attacked and gallantly defended against overwhelming odds in

September 1812 and was known as America's bright spot in the War of 1812.

- Fort Harrison was the only fort in American history to have been commanded by two (2) future Presidents: William Henry Harrison and Zachary Taylor.
- A Civil War Union Army base known as "Camp Vigo" was established on the old Fair Grounds of Vigo County.
- Terre Haute and Vigo County have provided our nation's defense with troops and fighting forces in every war or conflict since the War of 1812.
- Vigo County has the distinction of five (5) Medal of Honor Recipients, thousands of veterans (both living and deceased), many decorated heroes, and many active duty and reserve military personnel.
- The sacrifice, valor, and dedication to Duty, Honor and Country of our local veterans and military personnel have made America free and her citizens safe and secure.
- The citizens of Terre Haute, Vigo County and the Wabash Valley celebrate, respect, and honor our Veterans and military personnel

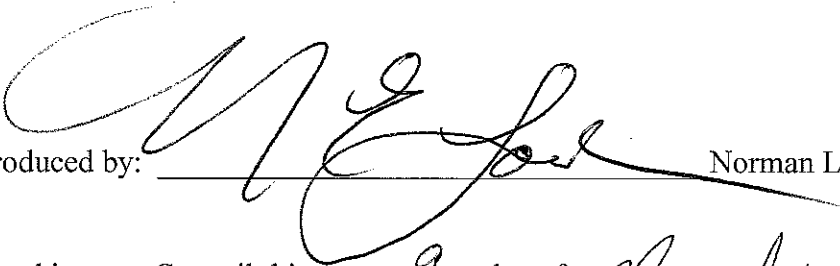
WHEREAS, the Veterans' Posts located in Terre Haute support the renaming of this trail as the "Indiana Veterans' Memorial Mile"; and

WHEREAS, to honor our veterans, promote patriotism, and allow our citizens and children a peaceful recreation area to reflect upon the sacrifices of the families, forefathers and fellow citizens, it would be fitting and appropriate to name this trail as the "Indiana Veterans' Memorial Mile"; and

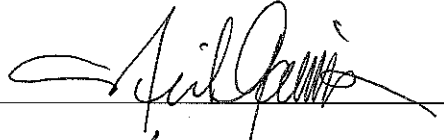
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Terre Haute that this trail be officially named and designated "Indiana Veterans' Memorial Mile."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Terre Haute strongly urges the Vigo County Commissioners to designate the area located between Brown Boulevard and 34th Street and Locust Street and The Historic National Road as Veterans' Memorial Park.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate departments shall create and erect appropriate signage representing such designation.


Introduced by:  Norman Loudermilk, Councilman

Passed in open Council this 9 day of November, 2010.


 Neil Garrison, President


ATTEST:  Charles P. Hanley, City Clerk

Presented by me to the Mayor this 10th day of November, 2010.

 Charles P. Hanley, City Clerk

Approved by me, the Mayor, this 10th day of NOVEMBER, 2010.

 Duke A. Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST:  Charles P. Hanley, City Clerk