

RESOLUTION NO. 29587

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE DESIRE OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, TO COORDINATE WITH HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND VOLKSWAGEN GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED, IF APPROPRIATE, FOR THE CREATION OF SUITABLE MEMORIALS TO HONOR THE OUTSTANDING SERVICES OF FORMER HAMILTON COUNTY EXECUTIVE DALTON ROBERTS AND FORMER HAMILTON COUNTY MAYOR CLAUDE T. RAMSEY.

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Chattanooga regularly acknowledges individuals, organizations, civic leaders, students, and teams that have achieved recognition for their accomplishments, but has not so recognized Hamilton County's two (2) former executives, being Dalton Roberts and Claude T. Ramsey, each of whom contributed so much to the City of Chattanooga's development over the past forty (40) years while serving as County Executive and County Mayor, respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, it is now the desire of the City of Chattanooga to publicly recognize the contributions of Dalton Roberts by naming and dedicating that portion of the Tennessee Riverwalk, beginning at the south side of the Chickamauga Dam and ending at Ross's Landing, in his honor; and

**WHEREAS**, it is further the desire of the City of Chattanooga to publicly recognize the contributions of Claude T. Ramsey by re-naming and dedicating (1) that roadway presently known as "Discovery Drive" (beginning at the round-about at the intersection of Volkswagen Drive and Discovery Drive and proceeding westward to North Hickory Valley Road) ... **or** (2) that roadway presently known as "Hickory Valley Road" (beginning with its northern intersection with Bonny Oaks Drive and continuing northerly to its intersection with Highway 58) ... **or** (3) some other site as may be hereinafter identified; and

**WHEREAS**, in appreciation and recognition of the fact that said geographical sites (excepting the Nature Park) are co-owned by Hamilton County and the City of Chattanooga, and that Volkswagen Group of America, Incorporated (as Lessee through that certain executed Memorandum of Understanding effective on or about March 2, 2009), has the exclusive right (pursuant to Section 9.9 of said Memorandum) to name all roads within Enterprise South Industrial Park, said co-owner and Lessee will be approached and advised of the City of Chattanooga's above-expressed desires and requested to approve the renaming of same, as well as join in the appropriating of funds for the creation, commissioning, and erecting of suitable memorials at each said site for all those who may travel thereby or thereon to be made aware of this community's enduring appreciation and recognition for the contributions that Dalton Roberts and Claude T. Ramsey have made.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, that the portion of the Tennessee Riverwalk, beginning at the south side of the Chickamauga Dam and ending at Ross's Landing, be re-named **“The Dalton Roberts Riverwalk”**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that (1) the roadway presently known as “Discovery Drive” (beginning at the round-about at the intersection of Volkswagen Drive and Discovery Drive and proceeding westward to North Hickory Valley Road) ... **or** (2) that roadway presently known as “Hickory Valley Road” (beginning with its northern intersection with Bonny Oaks Drive and continuing northerly to its intersection with Highway 58) ... **or** (3) some other site as may be hereinafter identified ... be re-named ... **as to (1) and (2)** **“The Claude T. Ramsey Memorial Parkway”** ... **as to (3)** be named in honor of Claude T. Ramsey ... in recognition of their respective outstanding leadership and service provided to the City of Chattanooga.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this City of Chattanooga's Building and Grounds Committee (Councilman Darrin Ledford, Councilwoman Carol Berz, and Councilman Erskine Oglesby, Jr.) shall communicate and coordinate with the appropriate official(s) of Hamilton County (as co-owner of the subject geographical sites), and/or Volkswagen Group of America, Incorporated (the Lessee of a significant portion of Enterprise South Industrial Park), appropriately, to seek their support and endorsement of said projects, as well as their participation in the planning and full development (funding and commissioning of the creation of suitable memorials for each site) of said projects, as same shall be approved pursuant to appropriate appropriations as may be approved by each respective governing body.

ADOPTED: August 21, 2018.

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