

**RESOLUTION NO.: R-2014-103**

*Approving the honorary naming of the 100 block of Wayne Street between Whaley Street and Heyward Street to "Larry Gates Way"*

WHEREAS, Larry E. Gates is a native of Columbia and has lived in the Whaley Street/Olympia community his entire life, where he and his wife Alma raised six children; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Gates worked in a textile mill for 22 years and then with the City of Columbia from 1970 until 1990, retiring as a Lieutenant from the Columbia Police Department; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Gates helped to create and has served as the president of the Whaley Street Neighborhood Association since its inception in 1990; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Gates has spent his entire life contributing to the health and wellness of his community and his City and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Gates was an avid leader in the restoration of the Doughboy monument located at the intersection of Whaley Street and Wayne Street which was dedicated to the memory of the men from Olympia who fought in World War I and contains a list of 224 names of men from the community who served and gave their lives which includes John E. Gates, Mr. Gates' father. Mr. Gates ensures a wreath is placed on the monument each year on Veterans Day and Memorial Day in honor of those who served; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Gates coached Dixie League Youth Baseball at Pacific Park; was instrumental in the effort to encourage and worked with the City to extend public sewer throughout the Whaley Street community; was a leader during the renovations of the Pacific Park Facility; served on the board of the Columbia Sumter Empowerment Zone; involved in the inception of the Three Rivers Greenway and the development of the Greek Village; worked with the developer of the Olympia and Granby Mills Redevelopment Project to maximize the impact of the project on the community and the City; was involved in the redevelopment of 701 Whaley; instrumental in the addition of decorative lighting along Whaley Street; responsible for the improvements and tree plantings along the abandoned railroad cut on Heyward Street; led the effort of the Whaley Street community to become designated as a local Historic District; and was a key member in the creation of the annual OlympiaFest Festival; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED this 21st day of October, 2014 that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia do hereby approve the honorary naming of the 100 block of Wayne Street from Whaley Street to Heyward Street as "Larry Gates Way". The design and color of the honorary toppers or signage shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Public Works.

Requested by:  
Councilwoman Devine

  
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Mayor

Approved by  
  
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City Manager

Approved as to form:  
  
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City Attorney

ATTEST:  
  
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City Clerk

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