

RESOLUTION NO. 28894

A RESOLUTION RENAMING HERITAGE PARK TO “JACK BENSON HERITAGE PARK”.

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WHEREAS, Jack Benson’s first career was serving as an educator, highlighted by his becoming the youngest school principal in Chattanooga history at the tender age of twenty-five (25) followed by many years as a trusted administrator and aid to the Superintendent of City Schools; and

WHEREAS, his second career was serving as Director of Chattanooga Big Brothers/Big Sisters for fifteen (15) years, ensuring that young people throughout the community had proper guidance and role models shaping their lives; and

WHEREAS, his third career was serving as District 4 Councilman for the Chattanooga City Council where he worked full days and full weeks tirelessly for twelve (12) years fulfilling the duties of what was supposed to be a part-time job; and

WHEREAS, during the course of his full and busy life, he was greatly admired and respected for his devotion to his wife, children, and grandchildren. It was also important to him to serve as a United States Marine during the Korean conflict; and

WHEREAS, the recurring theme of Jack Benson’s life was service to his community and to its citizens and, particularly, to its children. In that regard, it should be especially noted that, during his time serving on the Chattanooga City Council, a major focus of his attention and that of those who served with him was a well-positioned piece of land with a little stream running through it. As a result of his undying passion and unrelenting efforts and because of his vision for the ultimate use of that land, he induced, lobbied, enticed, flattered, wheedled, tempted, pushed, prompted, poked and cattle prodded all who would pause and listen

(and even some who would not) in his unwavering insistence that we move forward with development of that unique property in East Brainerd, leaving a very special place for citizens of all ages and even for their pets to enjoy.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, that the park in East Brainerd that was for so many years his pet project, shall henceforth be known as “Jack Benson Heritage Park”.

ADOPTED: January 10, 2017

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