



RESOLUTION NO. 17-12

A RESOLUTION HONORING JOSEPH AND CHAR MADDEN FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE RIVER FOREST COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Joe Madden and Charlene Condon Madden were both born and raised in Chicago. Joe was the oldest of six children born to Irish immigrants, and Char was the youngest of five children; and

WHEREAS, Joe and Char married in 1964 and moved to the Westside, and initially became familiar with River Forest through the extensive amount of time they spent playing tennis at the Oak Park Tennis Club; and

WHEREAS, Joe and Char moved to 550 River Oaks Drive in 1972 and spent the next 45 years together at their beloved house on the cul-de-sac and together they raised six boys who between them attended St. Luke School, the River Forest public schools, OPRF and Fenwick High School; and

WHEREAS, Joe and Char served on countless boards for River Forest school and sports organizations, Joe was designated a Life Trustee at Fenwick High School and Char was one of the first women to be inducted into Fenwick's Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, they were tireless in their dedication to local charities including Misericordia, Catholic Charities, Maryville, and virtually any organization that asked them for help; and

WHEREAS, five of Joe and Char's sons have returned to River Forest to raise their own families, which include 14 Madden grandchildren raised in the Village; and

WHEREAS, Joe passed away on April 3, 2017, leaving River Forest better for his contributions to it, and Char still lives at 550 River Oaks Drive with a steady stream of children and grandchildren in visiting occupancy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of River Forest, Cook County, Illinois that the Board, for its members and the citizens of the Village of River Forest, express our deepest respect and boundless appreciation for the selfless and tireless dedication that Joseph and Char Madden have demonstrated over these many years for the entire community, and present this Resolution to her as a symbol of gratitude for the high quality of community service which she and Joe have rendered.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

SECTION 1. The 500 block of River Oaks Drive shall have a secondary designation as "Joseph and Char Madden Way."

SECTION 2. The Board of Trustees requests that the Village place an honorary street name sign at the intersection of Auvergne Avenue and River Oaks Drive., which shall reflect the "Joseph and Char Madden Way" designation.

SECTION 3. By this Resolution, the Board of Trustees does not intend to affect any existing or future signage that reflects the secondary designation of River Oaks Drive, with the exception of the honorary sign described in Section 2 of this Resolution.

SECTION 4: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

Passed on a roll call vote of the Corporate Authorities on the 10th day of July, 2017.

AYES: Trustees Cargie, Corsini, Henek, Gibbs, and Vaquez

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Conti

Catherine Adduci, Village President

APPROVED by me this 10th day of July, 2017

Kathleen Brand-White, Village Clerk