

RESOLUTION NO. 19-5

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF MONICA AFFLECK

WHEREAS, on February 12, 1918, Woodrow Wilson was President of the United States, and Monica O'Mara was born; and

WHEREAS, in 1942, Monica married Donald Affleck and was married for 68 years until his death in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Monica and Donald had five children, William, Mary Ellen, Margaret, Jane, and Kevin; and

WHEREAS, before retiring, Monica Affleck was a field biologist, a Chicago Public School teacher whose students affectionately called her "Mrs. A"; taught prairie restoration at Triton College and started the school's first prairie, earning her the nickname "Mother Prairie"; and

WHEREAS, Monica Affleck nurtured a love for animals and nature in her children, at one time hosting a "praying mantises in a cage and crawfish in the bath tub"; as well as being a great supporter of the Trailside Museum in River Forest; and

WHEREAS, Monica Affleck was a resident of the Village of River Forest since 1971 and was a parishioner of St. Luke's Church; and

WHEREAS, was a competitive roller skater, ice skater, equestrian, writer, artist, wine maker, skier, animal lover, doll house maker, quilter, seamstress, knitter, swimmer, lifeguard, clock maker and restorer, and played basketball, tennis and volleyball; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Affleck has such an affection for McDonald's ice cream cones, that she was presented with a gift certificate from McDonald's for 100 ice cream cones on her 100th birthday, and was such a valued customer at the McDonald's in River Forest that they hosted a birthday party in her honor; and

WHEREAS, February 12, 2018 is known as Monica Affleck Day in the Village of River Forest in honor of her 100th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Monica Affleck was 101 when she passed away on March 27, 2019, leaving behind a heartfelt impact on the community;

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, honor the life of Monica Affleck, and present this Resolution to her legacy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

SECTION 1. The 300 block of Ashland Avenue shall have a secondary designation as "Monica Affleck Way."

SECTION 2. The Board of Trustees requests that the Village place an honorary street name sign at the intersection of Ashland Avenue and Hawthorne Avenue, which shall reflect the "Monica Affleck" 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 Ashland Avenue, 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 13th day of May, 2019.

AYES: TRUSTEES CARGIE, CONTI, CORSINI, GIBBS, HENEK, VAZQUEZ

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE



Catherine Adduci, Village President

APPROVED by me this 13th day of May, 2019



Kathleen Brand-White, Village Clerk