



RESOLUTION NO. 20-12

A RESOLUTION HONORING ELAINE KIRK AND PROVIDING AN HONORARY DESIGNATION OF THE 600 BLOCK OF KEYSTONE AS "ELAINE 'BLONDIE' KIRK WAY"

WHEREAS, Elaine Kirk, affectionately known by her friends as "Blondie," was born on October 1, 1925 and grew up on a farm in Princeton, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Elaine moved to Chicago after attending Knox College; and

WHEREAS, in Chicago, she met Harold Kirk and they married in June, 1952; and

WHEREAS, in 1955, Elaine and Harold moved to 605 Keystone in River Forest and subsequently moved across the street to 620 Keystone, where she continues to live; and

WHEREAS, Elaine has been active in volunteer organizations such as the West Suburban Hospital Auxiliary Board, Oak Park River Forest Infant Welfare Society, and as an elder at the River Forest First Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, Elaine served on the River Forest Development Review Board from 1999 to 2014 and the Plan Commission from 1999 to 2020; and

WHEREAS, Elaine has been a member of the River Forest Tennis Club for over 50 years, both as a Board member and chairing numerous committees; and

WHEREAS, Elaine is a dedicated and passionate public servant who tirelessly contributed to the betterment of the River Forest 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 community service of Elaine Kirk, and present this Resolution to her legacy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

SECTION 1. The 600 block of Keystone Avenue shall have a secondary designation as "Elaine 'Blondie' Kirk Way."

SECTION 2. The Board of Trustees requests that the Village place an honorary street name sign at the intersection of Keystone Avenue and Oak Avenue, which shall reflect the "Elaine 'Blondie' Kirk 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 Keystone 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 10th day of August, 2020.

AYES: President Adduci, Trustees Bachner, Brennan, Cargie, Henek, O'Connell, Vazquez

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Catherine Adduci, Village President

APPROVED by me this 10th day of August, 2020

Kathleen Brand-White, Village Clerk