[Street Name Change - From “Hahn Street” to “Mrs. Jackson Way”]

Resolution renaming Hahn Street, between Visitacion Avenue and Sunnydale Avenue, to “Mrs. Jackson Way;” with additional post passage directives to Public Works, Municipal Transportation Agency, and the County Surveyor.

WHEREAS, Dr. Ruth Marie Jackson was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, friend, and community leader in Sunnydale and the larger Visitacion Valley neighborhood for more than five decades; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ruth Marie Jackson owned and operated a licensed home daycare offering childcare and play experiences for more than four decades; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ruth Marie Jackson was an education specialist with the San Francisco Unified School District for over 22 years serving the people of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, The annual, daylong celebration began in 1998 when then Mayor Willie Brown dedicated Ruth Jackson Family Day in honor of the longtime educator and Visitacion Valley community leader; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ruth Marie Jackson received her Honorary Doctorate in Humanities from Sacramento Theological Seminary & Bible College on June 29, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ruth Marie Jackson established the parade and fair, to bring local families together and break the invisible barriers dividing the community; and

WHEREAS, Visitacion Valley, located in the far southeastern portion of San Francisco, is both isolated and racked by poverty; and

WHEREAS, The Sunnydale neighborhood, which was originally built as temporary housing for returning soldiers after World War II, is the largest public housing project in the city; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ruth Marie Jackson was honored by Mayor London N. Breed in 2019 for her lifelong commitment to public service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ruth Marie Jackson left this world suddenly on November 7, 2021, at the age of 77; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ruth Marie Jackson always said, “If I got it, then it makes no sense to keep it, if somebody is in need. Giving is what we’re supposed to do”; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That pursuant to its authority under California Government Code, Section 34091.1 and California Streets and Highways Code, Sections 970.5 and 5026, the Board of Supervisors hereby renames Hanh Street, between Sunnydale Avenue and Visitacion Avenue, to “Mrs. Jackson Way” to honor Mrs. Jackson’s legacy, and to make clear that the City and County of San Francisco stands with its Black and Pacific Islander communities during this extraordinarily difficult time for those communities; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Municipal Transportation Agency to erect street signs in accordance with Transportation Code, Section 2.2, which signs should indicate both the new and the former names of the street affected by this Resolution—the new street name, “Mrs. Jackson Way,” in large letters and the former name, "Hahn Street," in smaller letters above or beneath the new name—and such signs indicating the two street names shall remain posted for five years and then replaced with signs indicating only the new street name “Mrs. Jackson Way”; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That in adopting this legislation, the Board of Supervisors does not intend to effectuate any change in City department jurisdictional control over the public right-of-way to be renamed as “Mrs. Jackson Way”; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to promptly forward a copy of this Resolution to the County Surveyor in accordance with

California Streets and Highways Code, Section 5026, and that the County Surveyor include the new street name on the Official Map of the City; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Department of Public Works to add “Mrs. Jackson Way” to the City’s official list of street names.