

CITY OF WAUKEGAN

RESOLUTION No. 18—R—76

The Title of The

A RESOLUTION TO RENAME 14TH STREET AS AUDREY NIXON BOULEVARD

**ADOPTED AND PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF WAUKEGAN**

**ON THE 18th
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WHEREAS, Audrey Helen Nixon began her political career in the late 1960s when she won a seat on the North Chicago Grade School Board; and

WHEREAS, Audrey was the first African American female Commissioner to serve on the Lake County Board. In 1982 Audrey won a seat on the Lake County Board, where she went on to become the longest serving African American County Board Member; and

WHEREAS, the County Board District served by Audrey included most of the City of North Chicago and also a significant portion of the City of Waukegan; and

WHEREAS, Audrey served on the Revenue, Records and Legislation Committee, and as Chair of the Law and Judicial Committee during her tenure; and

WHEREAS, Audrey served previously on the Health and Community Services Committee, Financial and Administrative Committee, Rules Committee and as Lake County Board Vice Chair; and

WHEREAS, Audrey served on the following Lake County Forest Preserve District Committees: Education, Cultural Resources and Public Affairs, Finance and Administrative, Diversity and Cultural Awareness, Ethics, and Greenbelt Cultural Center Expansion; and

WHEREAS, Audrey previously served on the Forest Preserve Education Committee, and Cultural Resources and Public Information Committee as Vice Chair; and

WHEREAS, Audrey served the community in many capacities, such as: North Chicago District 64 School Board Member, Enterprise Commission, Minority Affairs Commission, Private Industry Council, National Association of Counties Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee, Illinois Association of Park Districts, North Chicago Leadership Council, North Chicago District 187 Steering Committee, North Chicago Rotary Club, NAACP, Emblem Chapter 140, BET

Organization, Shawall Court #4 Daughter of Isis, League of Women Voters, Waukegan Township Coalition to Reduce Recidivism; and

WHEREAS, Audrey was a longtime resident of North Chicago for over 50 years and a faithful member of Christian Valley Missionary Baptist Church, where she engaged in one of her greatest joys by singing in the choir and expressed her belief in serving Christ first, others second and herself last; and

WHEREAS, Audrey graduated from the Scientific School of Beauty Culture, and was a cosmetician for over 50 years;

WHEREAS, Audrey had a desire to rebuild trust between the police department and youth of North Chicago and, as a result, was instrumental in the establishment of #ASK12 in 2015, to which she continuously provided support and made sure they kept striving toward their goal; and

WHEREAS, Audrey received many awards and recognitions which include: Most Influential African American in Lake County, Outstanding Service in Beautification, and the Crown Award for making a difference in the community; and

WHEREAS, Audrey Nixon, transitioned from Earth to Heaven on April 27, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Audrey Nixon was a model citizen, and her concern and support for all residents of Lake County and North Chicago is an inspiration to all; and

WHEREAS, Although Audrey Nixon's physical presence is no longer with us, she shall forever live in our hearts as a woman who was an exceptional leader who loved and served the Lord, who was kind, compassionate, admired for her strength, wisdom, and respected by her friends, neighbors and dearly loved by her family; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council wish to recognize, commemorate, celebrate and promote Audrey Nixon's unparalleled contributions to Waukegan, North Chicago and Lake

County by renaming the street commonly known as 14th Street to “Audrey Nixon Boulevard” as an endless reminder of her leadership to serve as an example for the residents of our community.

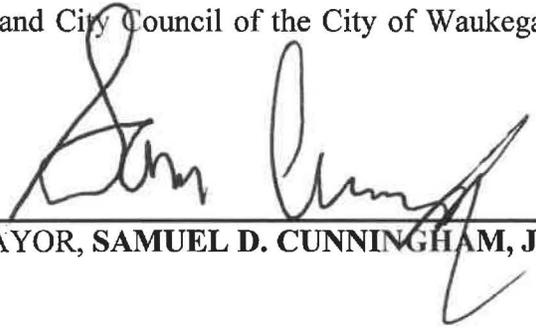
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of Waukegan, Illinois that commencing on the effective date of this Resolution, all of that part of 14th Street under the jurisdiction of the City of Waukegan shall be renamed and known as “Audrey Nixon Boulevard” from this day forward; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution shall become effective 30 days after the Lake County Clerk and the Waukegan Post Office Branch have been notified by the City Clerk by sending a certified copy of this Resolution by certified or registered mail; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the street name signs be duly procured and erected;
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be recorded in the official journals of the City of Waukegan and a presentation copy thereof given to the family of Audrey Nixon.

Passed this 18th day of JUNE, 2018 by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Waukegan, Illinois.



MAYOR, SAMUEL D. CUNNINGHAM, JR.

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK, JANET E. KILKELLY

ROLL CALL: Ald Newsome, Ald TenPas, Ald May, Ald Bolton, Ald Seger, Ald Moisio, Ald Villalobos.

AYES: Ald Newsome, Ald May, Ald Bolton, Ald Seger, Ald Moisio, Ald Villalobos.

NAYS: Ald TenPas,

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Ald Valko, Ald Taylor.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK PATTERSON