

RESOLUTION NO. 070717, AS AMENDED

Declaring that the entry plaza to the Sprint Center downtown arena on Grand Boulevard is named "Kay Barnes Plaza"; and directing the City Manager to install a prominent marker noting this designation.

WHEREAS, Mayor Barnes was elected the first female mayor of Kansas City, Missouri in March 1999 and again in March 2003, and served the citizens of this great city for eight years; and

WHEREAS, during Mayor Barnes' illustrious tenure in office, Kansas City saw the genesis of a much-needed renaissance of its downtown; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Barnes deserves praise and recognition for her steadfast work in improving downtown Kansas City and for advocating and supporting the revitalization of the urban core; and

WHEREAS, Kay Barnes' tireless efforts were pivotal in attracting to our city new developments and millions of dollars in private investment for crucial projects such as the Sprint Center, Power & Light District, H&R Block's world headquarters, the Internal Revenue Service Center, and East Village; and

WHEREAS, as part of Kansas City's downtown redevelopment, the Sprint Center, scheduled to be completed in October of this year, is a cornerstone of this wonderful revival; and

WHEREAS, in appreciation for her two terms of exemplary service leading the efforts to revitalize downtown, the Council, on behalf of the citizens of Kansas City, desires to express its sincere gratitude to Mayor Barnes; and

WHEREAS, for her leadership and contributions to make the dreams of a downtown arena a reality, it is fitting that the entry plaza to the Sprint Center on Grand Boulevard be named after Mayor Barnes; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Council declares that the entry plaza to the Sprint Center on Grand Boulevard is hereby named "Kay Barnes Plaza" after former Mayor Kay Barnes and hereby directs the City Manager to install a prominent marker noting this designation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that a copy hereof be presented to Mayor Barnes with the appreciation of the Council and citizens of Kansas City, Missouri, for leading the efforts to have a downtown arena in our great city.

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