

RESOLUTION 2014-07-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROVELAND, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE STATE ROAD CODESIGNATION OF STATE ROAD 50 BETWEEN STATE ROAD 33 AND COUNTY ROAD 565A AS “SPECIALIST RONALD GAFFNEY MEMORIAL HIGHWAY”; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, during the 2014 regular session, the Florida Legislature passed Chapter 2014-228, Laws of Florida (SB 820), which among other codesignations, codesignated State Road 50 from State Road 33 to County Road 565A as “Specialist Ronald Gaffney Memorial Highway”; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Ronald Sefton Gaffney was born on April 6, 1943, graduated from Groveland High School in 1961 and died in the Vietnam War on February 19, 1965 at the young age of 21; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Sefton Gaffney was well respected by his peers, teachers and community; and loved eternally by his close friends and family; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Ronald Sefton Gaffney was a United States Army Special Forces Combat Engineer Specialist 5 at the time of his death; serving more than three years; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Ronald Sefton Gaffney was attached to Unit DET B-123, 1st Special Forces Group, US Army Specialist Command Vietnam, MACV; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Ronald Sefton Gaffney was serving in the role of an advisor to the South Vietnamese Army. He died immediately from small arms gun fire while rescuing two wounded Vietnamese soldiers in the Phu Yen Province of South Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Ronald Sefton Gaffney gave his young life in the service of his country, selflessly trying to save the lives of two foreign soldiers and sadly becoming the only Groveland, Florida casualty of the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, for all the above mentioned reasons the Florida Legislature, at the behest of Representative Larry Metz, designated a portion of State Road 50 as “Specialist Ronald Gaffney Memorial Highway” ; and

WHEREAS, Section 334.071, Florida Statutes, provides that the installation of state road designation signs shall be contingent on the applicable county or city commission passing a resolution in support of the particular honorary road designation; and

WHEREAS, State Road 50 between State Road 33 and County Road 565A lies entirely within the corporate limits of the City of Groveland; and

WHEREAS, before the Florida Department of Transportation will install signs reflecting the “Specialist Ronald Gaffney Memorial Highway” road co-designation, the City is required to pass a resolution in support of this road designation ; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROVELAND, FLORIDA, as follows:

Section 1. Approves the state road co-designation of State Road 50 between State Road 33 and County Road 565A as “Specialist Ronald Gaffney Memorial Highway.”

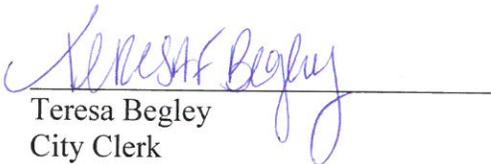
Section 2. Directs the City Clerk to send certified copies of this resolution to the United States Postal Service, Florida Department of Transportation, Traffic Signals and Signs Division of the Florida Department of Transportation, Representative Larry Metz, Lake County Sheriff’s Department, Lake EMS, and Lake County Property Appraiser.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Groveland, Lake County, Florida, this 21ST day of JULY, 2014.



HONORABLE TIM LOUCKS, MAYOR
City of Groveland, Florida

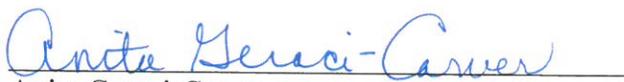
ATTEST:



Teresa Begley
City Clerk



Approved as to Form:



Anita Geraci-Craver
City Attorney

Passed First Reading 07/21/2014

Council Member SWEATT moved the passage and adoption of the above and foregoing Resolution. Motion was seconded by Council Member GRIFFIN and upon roll call on the motion the vote was as follows:

	YEA	NAY
Evelyn Wilson	✓	
James Smith	✓	
Tim Loucks	✓	
Dina Sweatt	✓	
John Griffin	✓	