

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 56-2021**

**A RESOLUTION TO CEREMONIALLY DESIGNATE A PORTION OF THE COUNTY ROAD KNOWN AS BROOKSIDE AVENUE BETWEEN MERRICK ROAD AND SUNRISE HIGHWAY IN FREEPORT AS “ERNEST ‘ERNIE’ KIGHT, JR. WAY”, AND DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO INSTALL CONSPICUOUS SIGNAGE ALONG SAID ROADWAY**

WHEREAS, Ernest J. Kight, Jr., known throughout his community as ‘Ernie’, was a Freeport High School Graduate of the Class of 1971 who returned to his beloved Freeport after college and attained his dream job as a Social Studies teacher at Freeport High School; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, Ernie was promoted to Assistant Principal of Freeport High School and in 2008, Ernie was named the Interim Principal of Freeport High School which led to his promotion as Principal one year later; and

WHEREAS, in addition to cultivating academic skills in the classroom, Ernie promoted athleticism as an essential part of the educational experience by becoming Varsity Coach for several sports including, Cheerleading, Badminton and Girls’ Basketball; and

WHEREAS, after thirty-two years of employment, in 2012 Ernie retired from the Freeport Public School District, but as an educator firmly committed to continuing service to students as well as his community, he became an elected trustee and president of the Freeport School Board; and

WHEREAS, it would be a fitting tribute to the beloved and respected educator who passed away on February 27, 2021 to ceremonially designate a portion of the County road known as Brookside Avenue from Merrick Road to Sunrise Highway to be known as “Ernest ‘Ernie’ Kight, Jr. Way”; and

WHEREAS, said designation is hereby declared a public purpose; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the portion of the County road known as Brookside Avenue from Merrick Road to Sunrise Highway shall hereafter be ceremonially designated as “Ernest ‘Ernie’ Kight Jr. Way”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Public Works is directed to install conspicuous signage along the length of the roadway to ceremonially designate the road “Ernest ‘Ernie’ Kight, Jr. Way”, and all County agencies and departments are directed to take immediate steps to effectuate this ceremonial designation with signage; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such designation shall in no case be construed to change the official name of the roadway from Brookside Avenue.