

A RESOLUTION HONORING PAUL LITTLETON NEIGHBORS

WHEREAS, Paul Littleton Neighbors grew up in the City of Virden and even later, when nationally and world famous, still called Virden his home; and

WHEREAS, Paul L. Neighbors was an accomplished drummer, vocalist, big band leader and general world class entertainer; and

WHEREAS, Paul L. Neighbors was drafted into the United States Army in 1942 and spent the next 3 years of WWII in special services entertaining 1,250,000 troops and traversing 125,000 miles to places such as North Africa, Italy, Burma, and China, until his discharge on Armistice Day, 1945, later becoming a member of the Virden American Legion; and

WHEREAS, Paul L. Neighbors had a storied career as a Big Band Leader and Dance Band Leader from the 1930's to the 1970's, securing contracts at the Claremont Hotel in Berkeley, CA, the Aragon in Chicago, and many, many others; and

WHEREAS, Paul L. Neighbors entertained the country for years on many different coast to coast live radio programs and was considered one of the top ten big bands in America throughout the 50's and 60's; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Virden desire to express their sincere gratitude to Mr. Paul L. Neighbors for his years of professional entertainment and notoriety yet never forgetting that Virden was his hometown.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Virden as follows:

Section 1: The foregoing recitals shall be and are hereby incorporated as findings of fact as if said recitals were fully set forth herein.

Section 2: The 100 Block of West Vance Street shall forthwith also be known as "Paul Littleton Neighbors Orchestra Memorial Ave." The Public Works Department is instructed to purchase and install an honorary sign, in compliance with IDOT Regulations, and install accordingly.

Section 3: The City Clerk shall forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Mr. Don Neighbors, nephew of Paul and former Mayor of Virden.

Approved this 6TH day of JULY, 2026.


Mayor


City Clerk

AYES: CALLOWAY, BERTOLINO, BOSTER, DOOLEY, NEIGHBORS, CARTER, MATRISCH

NAYS: NONE

PASSED: YES

APPROVED: YES

ABSENT: HARRICH

RESOLUTION CERTIFICATE

STATE OF ILLINOIS)

) SS.

COUNTY OF MACOUPIN)

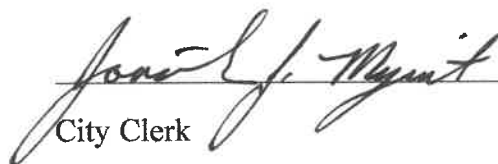
I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Virden, Macoupin County, Illinois.

I do further certify that the Resolution attached hereto is a full, true, and exact copy of Resolution No. 26- 6, adopted by the Mayor and City Council of said City on the 6TH day of June, 2026, said Resolution being entitled:

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I do further certify that prior to the making of this certificate, the said Resolution was spread at length upon the permanent records of said City, where it now appears and remains.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said City this 6TH day of ^{July}~~June~~ 2026.



City Clerk