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CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION NO. 4-2014
(Drafted by Council Member Jesse Christopherson)

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Designating Mount Rainier's television studio as the Graciela Carbonell Television Studio and requiring installation of a permanent memorial plaque.

WHEREAS, Graciela Carbonell was an extraordinarily dedicated public servant, hired on June 16, 1986 as a driver for the Call-a-Bus service and to direct Mount Rainier Television. She cared for the people of Mount Rainier and was devoted to improving both city government and the daily lives of the residents with whom she came in contact; and

WHEREAS, Graciela was far more than the familiar face behind the camera at city council meetings; she had a vision for local television programming that she turned into reality through hard work. She inaugurated her job, her department, and local television in Mount Rainier. She created programming about the history of our city, and about current events. She documented our city's ongoing story, interviewing local officials and other residents, preserving their knowledge about our community. She often filmed local events on her own time. She mentored students. She learned the intricacies of technology and used her knowledge to make our residents better informed and more community-oriented; and

WHEREAS, she deftly navigated the exigencies of local politics in order to protect and grow her mandate. While six mayors and dozens of city council members took turns governing the city, Graciela was a constant stabilizing force and a solid pillar of our community; and

WHEREAS, Graciela was not just a bus driver, but also a friend to those whose transportation she facilitated. She was a confidant, a peacemaker, an advocate for closer community. She was loved, admired, and appreciated by those who rode her bus, by her coworkers, and by the city manager and various elected officials who benefitted so much from her attitude, reliability, and enterprise; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of more twenty-seven years and seven months, 10,091 days to be exact, the City of Mount Rainier benefitted tangibly and intangibly from the dedication of this remarkable woman; and

WHEREAS, to the very last days of her life, even as she lay in a hospital bed surrounded by loved ones, she was selflessly concerned about her job responsibilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER, MARYLAND, THAT:

The City of Mount Rainier's Television Studio shall henceforward and forever be known as the Graciela Carbonell Television Studio, to be designated with a permanent memorial plaque made of a durable material such as bronze, brass, or aluminum.

THIS RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER THIS 4TH DAY OF MARCH, 2014.

Attest:

Jeannelle B. Wallace, City Manager

Malinda Miles, Mayor

Jimmy Tarlau, Councilmember Ward 1

Jesse Christopherson, Councilmember Ward 1

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