

RESOLUTION
of the
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners
To Rename A Portion of Municipal Drive to Vance Street

In Recognition and Appreciation for the Service of

R. O. Vance (1927-2014)

WHEREAS, the Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners would like to recognize the service of R.O. Vance to the citizens and communities of the Town of Sylva and Jackson County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vance began his working career on Main Street, Sylva in 1947 working at Winn-Dixie Supermarket followed by Western Auto from 1948 to May of 1963; and

WHEREAS, in May of 1963 Mr. Vance, along with his wife Willetta, opened Vance Hardware on Main Street, Sylva and were successful business owners until their retirement in December 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vance was a self-taught mechanic in the business where they stocked an array of items, from pressure cookers to mechanical parts and everything in between; he also maintained summer homes for residents and was known as the best key maker in Jackson County; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his services as a business owner, Mr. Vance was a member of the Sylva Fire Department from 1959 to 1984, retiring after 25 years of service to the community as a volunteer; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, to recognize Mr. Vance's Main Street service, the Town of Sylva granted a special parking space for his service vehicle as well as honoring he and wife Willetta as Grand Marshals of the Town of Sylva Christmas Parade in 2012; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners do hereby wish to publicly express their gratitude for his 50 years of service to the Town of Sylva by renaming a portion of Municipal Drive from the Sylva Fire Department to the intersection of Allen Street to Vance Street in his honor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. R. O. Vance will be remembered as a generous, kind, caring citizen of the Town of Sylva who most notably could fix everything but a broken heart.

Adopted this 14th day of March 2024.

Johnny Phillips, Mayor

Attest:

Amanda W. Murajda, Town Clerk