

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
CITY OF WEST MONROE

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ MOTION BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION TO BOTH HONOR AND TO MEMORIALIZE BILL RUSSELL, A NATIVE OF THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, AS ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL AND DECORATED ATHLETES IN SPORTS HISTORY BY DESIGNATING A PORTION OF CONSTITUTION DRIVE AS THE “BILL RUSSELL MEMORIAL DRIVE”; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, William Felton “Bill” Russell, who was born in West Monroe, Louisiana, on February 12, 1934, and who lived in West Monroe until the age of 15, is known as one of the most successful and decorated athletes in sports history; and

WHEREAS, even a summary of the highlights of the life and many accomplishments of Bill Russell again reminds all of us of his dedication and his determination in becoming one of the greatest basketball players ever, and of his efforts in challenging racism whenever he saw it; and

WHEREAS, although Bill Russell often avoided personal recognition, we believe he would not object to this recognition as a remembrance of all that he accomplished throughout his lifetime.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that the portion of Constitution Drive beginning at the eastern entrance of the Downing Pines underpass and extending to the intersection of Constitution Drive with Mane Street shall hereafter be known and designated as the “BILL RUSSELL MEMORIAL DRIVE”.

The above resolution was read and considered by sections at a public meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in regular and legal session convened on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024, voted on by yea and nay vote, passed and adopted, the final vote being as follows:

YEA: \_\_\_\_\_

NAY: \_\_\_\_\_

NOT VOTING: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

APPROVED THIS 4TH DAY OF  
JUNE, 2024

---

CINDY EMORY, CITY CLERK  
CITY OF WEST MONROE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA

---

STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL, MAYOR  
CITY OF WEST MONROE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA