

## RESOLUTION NO. 2017-17

A RESOLUTION TO CO-NAME THAT PORTION OF YORK ROAD, FROM INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD SOUTH TO BOUNDARY LANE TO "RON MOTTL AVENUE", IN THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, Ron Mottl, Sr. is a former long-time resident of the City of Parma and is a 1952 graduate of Parma Schaaf High School (now Parma Senior High School), where he lettered in football, basketball and baseball; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Mottl is a charter member of the Parma Senior High School Athletic Hall of Fame and earned a baseball scholarship to the University of Notre Dame, where he captained the 1955 Fighting Irish baseball team and earned a bachelor's degree and a law degree; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Mottl served for six years in the U.S. Army and Army Reserves; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Mottl was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives in 1967 and the Ohio Senate in 1969, where he served until 1974; during which time he became the architect and "father" of the Ohio Lottery, helping to earn millions of dollars for Ohio schools; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Mottl was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1975 and served in Congress until 1982; during which time his extensive list of legislative accomplishments included prevention of testing in salt mines and storage of nuclear waste beneath Lake Erie, helping to save NASA Lewis Research Center for Northeast Ohio, and assisting veterans by improving technology, security, and facilities at local VA hospitals; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Mottl, while serving in the U.S. House of Representatives, helped secure \$250,000.00, along with donations in labor and construction, to assist the Western Campus of Cuyahoga Community College in constructing the baseball field which has since been named in his honor; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Mottl was elected to the Parma Board of Education in 1985 and served as Board President in 1986; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Mottl was elected again to the Ohio House of Representatives in 1987 and served until 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Mottl has practiced law for sixty years, during which time he was a partner with long-time Parma Heights Mayor Paul W. Cassidy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Parma Heights, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio:

Section 1. This Council authorizes that portion of York Road from Independence Boulevard

south to Boundary Lane to be co-named "Ron Mottl Avenue", in the City of Parma Heights.

Section 2. This Council authorizes the Safety Director to create and affix "Ron Mottl Avenue" street signs for the aforementioned portion of York Road.

Section 3. This Council finds and determines that all formal action of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of the Council and of any of its Committees comprised of a majority of the members of the Council that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be in effect from and after the earliest period provided by law.

PASSED: 10-23-2017   
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: Florence A. Bohdan 10-23-2017  
CLERK OF COUNCIL APPROVED

FILED WITH  
THE MAYOR: 10-23-2017   
MAYOR