

RESOLUTION NO. 984

A RESOLUTION CEREMONIALLY RENAMING MODELLE AVENUE BETWEEN GLENN SMITH ROAD AND S. 4TH STREET IN HONOR OF THE LATE EMMA JORDAN

WHEREAS, Emma Lue Frances Jordan was raised in the Great Depression living an adverse early childhood which imprinted on her an awareness and empathy for those who were vulnerable and at risk; and

WHEREAS, consequently Emma Jordan's life was characterized by building relationships and leveraging her good name to open doors for many others to experience equal access to the American Dream; and

WHEREAS, examples of this include the annual Back to School Picnic in Joe Baker Park, establishing the first black Girl Scout troop in Clinton, the encouragement of businesses to employ blacks in many positions and culminated with her success in obtaining federal funding for the construction of about 50 affordable brick homes in the Lincoln Addition area; and

WHEREAS, before cancer claimed her at age 47, Emma Jordan provided many years of leadership based upon her guiding principle of her love of God and as a visionary, the ability to imagine the possibilities which could be accomplished; and

WHEREAS, for these and other reasons it is justified to ceremonially rename Modelle Avenue between Glenn Smith Road and S. 4th Street in recognition and of honor of the late Emma Jordan on her birthday on May 25, 2024, in the City of Clinton, Oklahoma.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clinton, Oklahoma, that: as requested by many neighbors & community leaders and with ample justification, Modelle Avenue between Glenn Smith Road and S. 4th Street shall be ceremonially renamed for Emma Jordan.

APPROVED this 21st day of May 2024

David D. Berrong, Mayor

Attest:

Amy E. Jones, City Clerk