

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Township owns and operates a public parking lot on Lindsley Avenue and Northfield Avenue which is in close proximity to Supreme Bakery, PNC Bank and other retail establishments; and

WHEREAS, Gordon J. Hansen grew up in the Township and graduated West Orange High School in 1942; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hansen served with great distinction in the United States Army during World War II and was awarded the Bronze Star for heroic actions during the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hansen successfully re-established communication lines with rear artillery positions despite taking on heavy fire from German paratroopers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hansen's actions resulted in stopping or delaying the advance of two Panzer divisions along the Allied front; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hansen was subsequently killed in action on March 20, 1945 only weeks before the surrender of Germany; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hansen was post-humously awarded the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hansen was interred at the St. Avould U.S. Military Cemetery in France and his documents and medals were recently returned to the Township after seventy (70) years and are now on public display in the Township Municipal Building; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hansen grew up and lived in certain row houses that once existed on Lindsley Avenue in close proximity to the Parking Lot;

WHEREAS, West Ordinance 2-74 requires the Mayor to submit his

recommendation to the Township Council for consideration the naming of Township Property; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor hereby recommends that the parking lot on Lindsley Avenue and Northfield Avenue be named the Gordon Hansen Parking Lot;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE that pursuant to Township Ordinance 2-74, the Township Council hereby authorizes the naming of the Parking Lot on Lindsley Avenue and Northfield Avenue to be named the “Gordon Hansen Parking Lot.”

Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk

Cindy Matute-Brown
Council President

Adopted: October 26, 2021