RESOLUTION NO. 2023-010

A RESOLUTION honoring Ron Richard for his years of dedicated service by naming the park area and walking trail located between Murphy Boulevard and Campbell Parkway from the west intersection of those streets, east to 15th Street "**Ron Richard Memorial Park**".

WHEREAS, Ron Richard began his public service in 1980 by volunteering to serve on the City of Joplin Health Department Review Board, and later, after serving on many other boards and commissions; and,

WHEREAS, Ron Richard was elected to and served the Joplin City Council from 1990 to 1998 serving citizens as the Mayor of Joplin from 1994 to 1998; and,

WHEREAS, Ron Richard was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in 2002 where he served four terms, including as Speaker of the House in 2009; and,

WHEREAS, Ron Richard was elected to the Missouri Senate in 2010 where he served two terms, including as President Pro Tempore from 2015 to 2018; and,

WHEREAS, Ron Richard has accumulated an impressive list of achievements and honors, including being the first person in Missouri's history to serve as both Speaker of the House and President Pro Tem of the Senate, earning him the Lifetime Achievement Award from Lieutenant Governor Mike Kehoe, being inducted into the honorary Academy of Missouri Squires; and,

WHEREAS, during his tenure as mayor, Ron Richard initiated the start of the Murphy/Campbell Parkway Trail; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of Joplin, Missouri desires to honor Ron Richard for his distinguished service, outstanding leadership, and valuable contributions during his public service career.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, as follows:

Section 1. That the Joplin City Council at its August 21, 2023, meeting, hereby honors Ron Richard by naming the park area and walking trail located between Murphy Boulevard and Campbell Parkway from the west intersection of those streets, east to 15th Street "**Ron Richard Memorial Park**".

Section 2. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI this the 21st day of August 2023, by a vote of

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Douglas W. Lawson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Holly Nagy, City Clerk

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