

RESOLUTION R-5468

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND INDUCTING WES CARPENTER INTO THE KIRKLAND PLAZA OF CHAMPIONS.

1 WHEREAS, in 1988 the City Council passed Ordinance 3096
2 which established the Plaza of Champions program and created
3 criteria for selection of persons and organized groups of persons
4 who have made outstanding contributions to the Kirkland
5 community, to be permanently honored by the community and
6 the City of Kirkland; and

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8 WHEREAS, in 2001 the City Council passed Ordinance 3794
9 which established that nominations for the Plaza of Champions
10 will be reviewed by the Park Board, whose recommendation will
11 be forwarded to the City Council; and

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13 WHEREAS, at their regular meeting on January 13, 2021
14 the Park Board reviewed the nomination of Wes Carpenter and
15 determined that the nomination satisfied the criteria established
16 for the Kirkland Plaza of Champions; and

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18 WHEREAS, Wes Carpenter was born at the Kirkland
19 Hospital on December 29, 1943 and has been a lifelong Kirkland
20 resident, working and raising his family in the City and
21 contributing to the Kirkland community in many ways, including
22 leading the Bel-Kirk Motors Babe Ruth baseball team to two state
23 championships in the late 1960's; and

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25 WHEREAS, Wes Carpenter was twice awarded significant
26 medals by the United States Army for his courageous and selfless
27 service as a soldier in the Vietnam War, including receiving the
28 Bronze Star with Valor for his actions during a battle where the
29 Army stated, "His prompt actions saved the lives of many
30 comrades, who would have bled to death if left unattended"; and
31 receiving the Army Commendation Medal for driving his unit to
32 safety in a truck disabled by a roadside mine where the Army
33 stated, "The outstanding courage displayed was directly
34 responsible for saving the lives of several men"; and

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36 WHEREAS, the City Council has received from the Park
37 Board a written report and recommendation on the nomination of
38 Wes Carpenter; and

39 WHEREAS, in a public meeting the City Council considered
40 the written report and recommendation of the Park Board.

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42 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the
43 City of Kirkland as follows:

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45 Section 1. For his exceptional contributions and service to
46 both to the Kirkland community and the United States Army, Wes
47 Carpenter is hereby inducted into the Kirkland Plaza of Champions.

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49 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open
50 meeting this 2 day of February, 2021.

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52 Signed in authentication thereof this 2 day of February,
53 2021.



Penny Sweet, Mayor

Attest:



Kathi Anderson, City Clerk