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CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-20-9 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Klarissa Peña, Diane Gibson and Cynthia D. Borrego

RESOLUTION

Naming The City Of Albuquerque Fire Station 7 The “Ken Sanchez Fire Station 7” (Peña, Gibson, Borrego)

NAMING THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE FIRE STATION 7 THE “KEN SANCHEZ FIRE STATION 7”

WHEREAS, Councilor Ken Sanchez served the City of Albuquerque and District 1 as City Councilor for fourteen years, from 2005 to 2019, until his passing on January 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Councilor Ken Sanchez also served as Bernalillo County Commissioner for seven years, from 1995 to 2002; and

WHEREAS, Councilor Ken Sanchez was a model public servant who was steadfast in his dedication to improve District 1, the Westside, and the entire City of Albuquerque; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Keller fully supports changing the name of Station 7 to Ken Sanchez Fire Station 7 and stated, “Ken Sanchez was Council President when I first came into office, he helped my administration find our way with City Council and joined with us to directly address many deep-seeded challenges facing City Hall with a focus on public safety”; and

WHEREAS, Councilor Ken Sanchez was a staunch supporter of Public Safety, including his direct legislative support for wage increases and procurement of equipment for the City’s Police Officers and Firefighters; and

WHEREAS, Albuquerque Fire Rescue (AFR) Fire Chief Paul Dow and AFR Retirees Association President Kerry Horton presented the family of Councilor Ken Sanchez with a

Resolution of Condolence plaque and a Silver Fire Fighter Helmet in appreciation for all the work he completed on behalf of AFR during his tenure as City Councilor; and

WHEREAS, Albuquerque Area Fire Fighters Local 244 (IAFF) President Justin Cheney stated that “Councilor Sanchez was always a strong champion for public safety; whether advocating for the construction of a new fire station or his continued support in adding additional members to our ranks, thereby providing improved services to the citizens of Albuquerque. The impact of his service and dedication will be felt for decades to come”; and

WHEREAS, Councilor Ken Sanchez was instrumental in securing funding for the land acquisition and construction of the new Fire Station 7 located on the corner of 57th Street and Central Avenue, which included a combination of Impact Fees, CDBG Grants, West Central Metropolitan Redevelopment Funds, NMFA Loans, Red Light Camera revenues, and General Obligation Bonds; and

WHEREAS, construction of the new Fire Station 7 was completed in late 2012, and was dedicated at a ribbon cutting ceremony on December 21, 2012, with Councilor Ken Sanchez in attendance; and now offers the Westside area enhanced availability of fire protection services and a beautiful modern facility.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE:

SECTION 1. The City of Albuquerque Fire Station 7 is hereby named the “Ken Sanchez Fire Station 7”.

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