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CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-20-67 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Don Harris

RESOLUTION

Renaming The Four Hills Park In Four Hills Village To The Barsis-Mickelson Park (Located At Running Water Circle Southeast And Stagecoach Road Southeast) To Honor Edwin Barsis And Roger Mickelson, Two Four Hills Leaders Who Earnestly Championed The Four Hills Neighborhood And The City Of Albuquerque (Harris)

WHEREAS, the Four Hills Village Association desires to rename the park to honor the memories of Edwin (Ed) Barsis and Roger Mickelson because of their devotion to building the Four Hills Village reputation as a safe and desirable Albuquerque neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, both Ed Barsis and Roger Mickelson were well known for promoting Four Hills Village values in the Albuquerque community. Both individuals wanted the best for Four Hills Village, following through with visions for a neighborhood park for children and families, creating mutual and healthy relationships with the Albuquerque Police Department, as well as improving the roads and grounds, and solving security issues; and

WHEREAS, Ed Barsis and Roger Mickelson inspired the Four Hill Village Neighborhood Association and Four Hills Village Homeowners Association to merge and serve the village as a unified force; and

WHEREAS, Ed Barsis was creator and the first President of the Four Hills Village Neighborhood Association, pursuing a goal to preserve Four Hills Village as a secluded and remarkable neighborhood in the southeast quadrant of Albuquerque, giving a voice to the residents and community who shared the same vision; and

WHEREAS, residents expressed a need for a park in the neighborhood, and Ed Barsis spurred the project of the Four Hills Village park and continued efforts to provide a safe, child-friendly nearby area for families; and

WHEREAS, Ed Barsis' diplomatic contributions also expanded nationally as he represented Sandia National Laboratories on programmatic and policy issues to other companies, U.S. agencies, and foreign governments, and

WHEREAS, Ed Barsis contributed to the field of engineering physics, working at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque and led an effort in parallel computing, which resulted in worldwide acceptance of the technology and the development of the largest supercomputer in the world, representing a great achievement for the city of Albuquerque; and

WHEREAS, Roger Mickelson was a Four Hills Village resident for twenty years, during which he served the residents in many roles, including President of the Four Hills Village Homeowners Association, cofounder of the East Gateway Coalition of three Neighborhood Associations, President of the Inter-neighborhood Coalition, and President of the New Mexico Military Officers Association of America; and

WHEREAS, Roger Mickelson devoted his time and effort to promoting and protecting Four Hills Village as one of the safest neighborhoods in the City of Albuquerque; and

WHEREAS, Roger Mickelson worked tirelessly to support and honor all public safety personnel, striving to restore mutual trust, confidence and respect between law enforcement departments in the community; and

WHEREAS, Roger Mickelson served in the U.S. Army as a Commanding Officer and senior consultant to the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense Assistant for Emergency Planning, Executive Director of the Army Science Board, and was an experienced strategist, and

WHEREAS, Both Ed Barsis and Roger Mickelson exemplified citizenship by representing participating organizations in the appropriate forums, engaging with elected officials, actively participating in local government; and

WHEREAS, both Ed Barsis and Roger Mickelson, both veterans of the U.S. Army, dedicated years of service to Albuquerque and the Four Hills Village residents and worked closely with the City of Albuquerque, inspiring others to continue efforts to promote Four Hills Village as a secure, desirable neighborhood in harmony with the beauty that is the east gateway of Albuquerque.

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

Section 1. The City Council deems it appropriate and in the public interest to recognize Edwin (Ed) Barsis and Roger Mickelson's contributions to enhancing the Four Hills Village, creating a safe and family-friendly neighborhood and establishing a public park on Albuquerque's Southeast side.

Section 2. That the Four Hills Village Park be renamed the Barsis-Mickelson Park.