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**A RESOLUTION OF THE JERSEY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
ACCEPTING A GIFT OF A GRANITE TABLET HONORING THE
“GREATEST GENERATION” DONATED BY THE FRIENDS OF
WORLD WAR II VETERANS, A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION,
AND DEDICATING A SPACE IN PERSHING FIELD TO FEATURE
THE TABLET**

COUNCIL

Offered and moved adoption the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, World War II was a global conflict which lasted for nearly six years beginning with the invasion of Poland in 1939 and ending with the surrender of Japan in 1945; and

WHEREAS, World War II was the most geographically widespread conflict in history having directly involved more than 100 million people and over 30 countries; and

WHEREAS, due to the unprecedented scale of the conflict, the United States had to marshal all of its economic, industrial, and scientific capabilities to support the war effort; and

WHEREAS, about 16 million Americans served in World War II, including more than 560,000 from the State of New Jersey and thousands from Jersey City; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the thousands of local residents who served in uniform, many others contributed to the war effort by manufacturing the weapons deployed to fight the enemy such as the Patrol Torpedo (PT) boats built at the Elco Naval Division Boatyard in Bayonne and the warships built at Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock Company in Kearny; and

WHEREAS, the thousands of veterans, including those from Jersey City and elsewhere, who risked their lives on the battlefield and the many who lost their lives in combat, as well as those who toiled in factories to keep the soldiers and sailors equipped to fight, all played a role in the defining event of the 20th century –the global war against fascism; and

WHEREAS, it is for this reason that the generation which fought and won World War II; the generation which overcame the Great Depression and waged the effort to eradicate fascism, has been properly labeled the “Greatest Generation”; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of World War II Veterans, a local non-profit organization, commissioned a granite monument to commemorate the contributions of the “Greatest Generation”; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of World War II Veterans wish to give the monument to the City of Jersey City as a gift; and

WHEREAS, the monument will consist of a granite tablet measuring four (4) feet high by four (4) feet wide and approximately one (1) foot thick; and

WHEREAS, the tablet will be inscribed as follows:

**World War II Memorial
Honoring the Greatest Generation
“We were just a moment in history - a moment that changed the world”**

WHEREAS, the estimated value of the monument is ten thousand dollars (\$10,000); and

WHEREAS, an image of the proposed monument is attached as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jersey City wishes to honor the contribution of the "Greatest Generation" by accepting the donation of this granite monument from the Friends of World War II Veterans and installing it in Pershing Field at a location designated by the Director of the Division of Park Maintenance and as depicted on the map attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Park Maintenance shall be responsible for the installation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the City of Jersey City that:

1. The City hereby accepts the donation of aforementioned granite monument honoring the "Greatest Generation";
2. The Business Administrator is authorized to execute any appropriate documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution; and
3. The City of Jersey City hereby thanks the Friends of World War II Veterans for its generosity.

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EXHIBIT A



EXHIBIT B

