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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A HERO SQUARE AT THE INTERSECTION OF CRAWFORD ST AND WALNUT AVE IN RECOGNITION OF SERGEANT SIDNEY D LANE, JR.

- WHEREAS,** Sergeant Sidney Daniel Lane Jr. was born on January 11, 1942, in the vibrant city of Boston, Massachusetts; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Sidney Daniel Lane proudly called Roxbury his home and completed his education at Brighton High School in June of 1962 with a diploma in Co-operative automobile mechanics; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Sidney Daniel Lane Jr. was a beloved son, born to Sidney Sr. and Gloria (Kennedy) Lane, and a cherished husband of Mrs. Laura (Gibbs) Lane, who survived him; *and*
- WHEREAS,** His unwavering dedication led him to serve with valor in Company A, 1st Amphibious Tractor Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, Third Marine Amphibious Force, where he served as an esteemed Assault Amphibious Vehicle Crewman; *and*
- WHEREAS,** In February of 1965, he was stationed at Camp Schwab, Okinawa, before bravely embarking on a deployment to the Republic of Vietnam in July of the same year; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Over the course of his four years of dedicated service, Sidney Daniel Lane Jr. earned his esteemed medals of the Purple Heart, Good Conduct, National Defense, Vietnam Service, and Vietnam Campaign Models, exemplifying his commitment to duty; *and*
- WHEREAS,** While serving his duties in Tam Ky, Quang Nam, Vietnam on April 7, 1967, tragedy struck when a vehicle in which Sidney Daniel Lane Jr. was traveling, was struck by an enemy mine; *and*

WHEREAS, Sidney D. Lane Jr. suffered severe burns to the front of his body and was medevacked to Brooke General Hospital located in Fort Sam, Houston, Texas;
and

WHEREAS, Sidney D. Lane Jr. valiantly fought for his life for twelve days before he ultimately passed away due to the severity of his injuries on April 29, 1967 at the tender age of 25; *and*

WHEREAS, He now rests peacefully in the embrace of Mount Hope Cemetery in Mattapan, forever remembered as his name is inscribed on Panel 18e, Line 155 of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C; *and*

WHEREAS, The legacy of Sidney D. Lane Jr., marked by his selflessness and service, must be forever etched in the annals of history, as a beacon of inspiration for generations to come, and as a testament to the city we hold dear; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council pays solemn homage to the gallant service and sacrifice of Sergeant Sidney Daniel Lane Jr., by officially dedicating a Hero Square at the intersection of Crawford Street and Walnut Ave.

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