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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A HERO SQUARE
AT THE INTERSECTION OF WAIT ST AND
HUNTINGTON AVE IN MISSION HILL IN
RECOGNITION OF NELSON EDWARD YOUNG

WHEREAS, Nelson Edward Young of Mission Hill, Boston, son of Janet Young, at the age of Seventeen Years and One Day petitioned and received an age waiver to enlist voluntarily to defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies as a soldier in the Army of the United States of America on November 19th, 1948; *and*

WHEREAS, Private Nelson Edward Young was assigned to the Heavy Mortar Company, of the 32nd Infantry Regiment of the 7th Infantry Division, and deployed to the Republic of Korea; *and*

WHEREAS, Upon the invasion of the Republic of Korea by the army of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Private Young and his comrades in arms engaged the enemy in accordance with United Nation Security Council Resolution 82 and Resolution 83 under the authority of the United Nations Command of General Douglas MacArthur; *and*

WHEREAS, Private Young was critically wounded by the enemy on July 5th, 1950; *and*

WHEREAS, Despite his wounds, Private Young, exhibiting noteworthy strength and personal courage, returned to full duty six days after he was wounded on July 11th, 1950; *and*

WHEREAS, Private Young, while fighting in the Battle of Chosin at Lake Changjin, endured the harshest cold-weather combat conditions in US Military History with an average temperature of negative thirty degrees fahrenheit; *and*

WHEREAS, Private Young was captured by the enemy during the Battle of Chosin on December 2, 1950; *and*

WHEREAS, Private Young as a Prisoner Of War, in breach of the Geneva Convention of 1949, was deprived of adequate food and medical attention while being interned at the Kanggye Prison Camp, a facility referred to by survivors as the “Death Valley”; *and*

WHEREAS, After enduring a year of captivity, Private Young died of starvation on an unknown day in late February 1951 at the age of nineteen, posthumously earning the rank of Private First Class in accordance with the traditions of the United States Army ; *and*

WHEREAS, Private First Class Young’s body was buried by Prison Camp Kanggye, and his remains were not repatriated to the United States after the end of hostilities; *and*

WHEREAS, Upon the remains of POW’s buried by Kanggye Prison Camp being repatriated to the United States in 1994, technological advances and analysis successfully identified the remains of Private First Class Young in 2012; *and*

WHEREAS, After 61 years of war, captivity, death, and unmarked burial on foreign soil, the remains of Private First Class Young were laid to rest in the town of Foxboro, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; ***NOW,***
THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council honors the profound hardship and tremendous sacrifice endured by Private First Class Nelson Edward Young on behalf of the American People by designating a Hero Square at the intersection of Wait Street and Huntington Avenue, in the Mission Hill neighborhood of Boston, Massachusetts.