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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A HERO SQUARE AT THE INTERSECTION OF WELD AVENUE AND COLUMBUS AVENUE IN JAMAICA PLAIN IN RECOGNITION OF MONEK WEITZ

WHEREAS, Monek Weitz grew up in the Egleston Square area of Jamaica Plain and joined the U.S. Marine Corps and served in Vietnam. Weitz was a member of A Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division; *and*

WHEREAS, On May 25, 1969 a pallet of ammunition caught fire at a supply and storage area near Quang Tri and Weitz was among the Marines who rushed to extinguish the flames; *and*

WHEREAS, The supply and storage area was maintained by elements of the 3rd Marine Division. A burning ammunition pallet exploded during the fire, and Weitz was one of two men who could not be found after the explosion, which occurred within hours of his arrival to Vietnam; *and*

WHEREAS, The explosion killed thirteen Marines and wounded 19 more. Weitz could not be located after the blast and was declared missing in action. It is believed that the force of the blast made recovery of his remains impossible; *and*

WHEREAS, Weitz's name is inscribed along with his fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC. He is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific; *and*

WHEREAS, The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency assessed Weitz's case to be in the analytical category of Non-recoverable; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council honors the profound hardship and tremendous sacrifice endured by Private Monek Weitz on behalf of the American People by designating a Hero Square at the intersection of Weld Avenue and Columbus Avenue, in the Jamaica Plain neighborhood of Boston, Massachusetts.

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