

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION No. 19-206

HONORARY STREET NAME DESIGNATION-VITO “PAL” TRAUSE WAY

WHEREAS, the true character and definition of a community has its roots in the quality and distinction of its resident and, throughout the State of New Jersey, the Township of Washington has distinguished itself through the lives of extraordinary individuals who have called the Township of Washington their home; and

WHEREAS, Vito “Pal” Trause, a life-long resident of Carlstadt who now resides in Washington Township, is one such individual who has been recognized as having exhibited all of the attributes of a citizen to whom we all would aspire to emulate; and

WHEREAS, as a war hero, husband, father, hard-working laborer and active participant in the community, Vito “Pal” Trause has lived an exemplary life of leadership and mentoring, replete with admirable acts and good deeds leaving a legacy worthy of recognition and honor; and

WHEREAS, Vito “Pal” Trause resided at 421 Lincoln Street in Carlstadt, now living in Washington Township, attended East Rutherford High School where he played football in 1941, 1942 and 1943, when after scoring a touchdown against Lyndhurst in his last game, he entered the service in the U.S. Army by the end of the following week; and

WHEREAS, while serving as a scout on the front line for six months, Vito “Pal” Trause was captured on September 24, 1944 and was imprisoned at Stalag VII outside Munich, Germany and spent what would have been his senior year in high school in a German prisoner of war camp; and

WHEREAS, after being liberated on May 2, 1945, Vito “Pal” Trause made a six-day trip to reach Paris, France and remained there for two weeks at the end of the war before returning home; and

WHEREAS, during his service to his country in the U.S. Army, Vito “Pal” Trause earned the Good Conduct Medal, The World War II Victory Medal, the American Campaign Medal and the European, African, Middle East Campaign Medal with three Bronze Stars; and

WHEREAS, Vito “Pal” Trause, who came from a family dedicated to service of our country with two brothers also having served, was married to Terry of East Rutherford and had two daughters, Victoria and Cynthia; and

WHEREAS, Vito "Pal" Trause, having foregone his senior year of high school to enter the service was rightly and deservedly bestowed his East Rutherford High School Diploma for the Class of 1945 in June of 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington has proposed renaming Ridgewood Road, a portion of which is in Westwood, as Vito "Pal" Trause Way in honor of his selfless service, life-long legacy, and for representing true patriotism to our country; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Westwood is in agreement with this proposal; and

WHEREAS, Ridgewood Road is a County Road and it will require the authorization of the Bergen County Freeholders for an honorary designation as Vito "Pal" Trause Way;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Washington hereby petition the County of Bergen Board of Chosen Freeholders to ceremonially rename Ridgewood Road as Vito "Pal" Trause Way.

ATTEST:


 Susan Witkowski
 Township Clerk

APPROVED:
 TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE
 TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON


 Michael DeSena
 Council President

Dated: May 20, 2019

MOTION		SECOND		COUNCIL	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bruno		Bruno		Bruno	X			
Cascio	X	Cascio		Cascio	X			
Cumming		Cumming	X	Cumming	X			
DeSena		DeSena		DeSena	X			
Ullman		Ullman		Ullman	X			