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COUNCIL BILL NO. 2018-288 RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION

HONORING Paul L. Redfearn Jr. for his incredible service to the City of Springfield, the State of Missouri, and the United States of America.

WHEREAS, Paul L. Redfearn Jr. served in the U.S. Army Air Corp in 1944 and 1945, and in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corp from 1950 to 1954; and

WHEREAS, Paul received a Ph.D. from Florida State University in 1957; and

WHEREAS, Paul retired after 31 years as an Emeritus Professor of Biology, with a focus on botany, at Missouri State University; and

WHEREAS, Paul served Springfield, Missouri as Zone 4 Councilman from 1973 to 1977 and as Mayor from 1979 to 1981; and

WHEREAS, Paul exemplified volunteer leadership and dedicated himself to the betterment of our community during a time of city growth and expansion; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his civic engagement, Paul was a nationally-known botanist who specialized in the study of mosses and liverworts; and

WHEREAS, Paul's scholarly accomplishments include authoring and co-authoring over 96 publications, including two books, and receiving numerous awards related to education and botany; and

WHEREAS, Paul was involved in myriad organizations, committees, and environmental efforts at the local, state, and national level; and

WHEREAS, Paul helped establish the Rountree Neighborhood Association, as well as aided in the development of the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden and the Springfield Botanical Gardens; and

WHEREAS, Paul passed away on November 26, 2018 at the age of 92, leaving a community that he had a profound impact on; and

WHEREAS, Paul was a wonderful person who committed himself fully to the betterment of our community and our ecosystem.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, as follows, that:

Section 1 - The City of Springfield recognizes and honors Paul L. Redfearn Jr. for his incredible service to the City of Springfield, the State of Missouri, and the United States of America and expresses its deepest sympathy to his family in this time of loss.

Passed at meeting: _____

Mayor

Attest: _____, City Clerk

Filed as Ordinance: _____

Approved as to form: *Achalee T. Weder*, Assistant City Attorney

Approved for Council Action: *Jason A. Hays* City Manager

EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL 2018- 288

FILED: 12/5/18

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: City Council

PURPOSE: A resolution to honor Paul L. Redfearn Jr. for his incredible service to the City of Springfield, the State of Missouri, and the United States of America.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Paul L. Redfearn Jr. was a nationally-known botanist, former Zone 4 Councilman, and former Mayor of the City of Springfield. Paul L. Redfearn Jr. passed away on November 26, 2018 and it is the desire of the Springfield City Council to recognize Paul for his incredible service to the City of Springfield, the State of Missouri, and the United States of America and express its deepest sympathy to his family in this time of loss.

Submitted by:



Anita J. Cotter, City Clerk