

RESOLUTION NO.

CITY OF PEORIA

Peoria, Illinois _____, 2020

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING 509 WESTERN AS “EDWARD B. GAINES FIRE STATION #4”

WHEREAS, Edward B. Gaines (1927-1998) was employed by the City of Peoria Fire Department for twenty-one years, serving as a Firefighter and an Engineer, retiring at the rank of Fire Captain on September 25, 1978.

WHEREAS, EDWARD B. GAINES was a hard-working man. For twenty-one years, he worked for the City of Peoria and for Hoerr Nursery as a landscaper. When he retired from both positions, he was a security guard for Caterpillar and Methodist Medical Center, finally retiring in 1996.

Mr. Gaines served his country in the Korean War and was also a Past Master of Henry Brown Lodge 22 F & AM. He was a member of the Press Hall Affiliation and Menelik Consistory 49. He was also a Past Potentate and Deputy of the Oasis for Kamar Temple 56 in Springfield, Illinois.

He was devoted to his work, his family, and his church. He was also the first Black firefighter in the City of Peoria and today we honor his work and his memory.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, THAT:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby found as fact and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The City Council hereby expresses appreciation for EDWARD B. GAINES' contributions to the City of Peoria by recognizing 509 Western Avenue as the EDWARD B. GAINES FIRE STATION 4.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS THIS _____ DAY OF

October 2020.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

EXAMINED AND APPROVED

Corporation Counsel

