

**CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION 2024-080

WHEREAS, Ben Bidon was a highly decorated Army veteran, who served our nation with honor, including during a 14-month tour of duty with the vaunted 101st Airborne Tiger Force Unit in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom;

WHEREAS, Officer Ben Bidon was a dedicated, distinguished and diligent member of the Inver Grove Heights Police Department who worked tirelessly to keep our community safe; and,

WHEREAS, Officer Ben Bidon earned our community's Lifesaving Award in 2022 and Chief's Award of Merit in 2022; and,

WHEREAS, Ben Bidon was a beloved husband to his wife, Ashley, and father to his three young daughters, Addison, Evelyn, and Eleanor; and,

WHEREAS, Officer Bidon died suddenly and without warning on April 30th, 2023 due to a medical condition; and,

WHEREAS, Officer Bidon and his family resided near County State Aid Highway 71 (Rich Valley Boulevard) in Inver Grove Heights for many years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Inver Grove Heights hereby requests the Dakota County Board of Commissioners dedicate the portion of County State Aid Highway 71 in Inver Grove Heights as the "Officer Ben Bidon Memorial Highway."

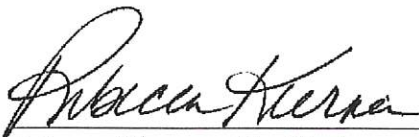


Brenda Dietrich, Mayor

April 22, 2024

Date

Attest:



Rebecca Kiernan, City Clerk



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April 22, 2024

Board of Commissioners

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Dear Commissioners Droste and Atkins:

On behalf of the City of Inver Grove Heights and the Inver Grove Heights Police Department, we are writing to request that the County Board dedicate the portion of CSAH 71 in Inver Grove Heights as the "Officer Ben Bidon Memorial Highway."

Officer Ben Bidon was a dedicated, distinguished, and respected member of the Inver Grove Heights Police Department since 2015 who died suddenly and without warning on April 30th, 2023, due to a medical condition. Before joining Inver Grove Heights, Ben was a decorated Army veteran, who served our nation with honor, including a 14-month tour of duty in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Most importantly, Ben was a beloved husband and father to three young daughters. For many years, Ben and Ashley and their girls have lived near CSAH 71.

We hope you will act favorably upon our request. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

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Brenda Dietrich, Mayor

Handwritten signature of Melissa Chiodo in black ink.

Melissa Chiodo, Chief of Police