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Staff Report

This purpose of this legislation is to rename the Section of Center Street between the intersections of Forest Drive and Oaklawn Avenue to "Noah Taylor Way" in honor of the contributions of Mr. Noah Taylor and his family to the City of Annapolis.

On November 2, 2016, Shawn Wampler, City IT Department, and I, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, attended and made a presentation to the City's Heritage Commission regarding changes to the names of 3 streets in Ward 3. (There are no residences on any of these streets.) The Commission voted unanimously to honor our 3 requests. They also agreed to forward a letter of support and the outcome of their vote to the proper City office. Mr. Ted Mack is the Chair of the HC. This request to re-name these 3 streets is a continuing part of our 100 year celebration of the Walter S. Mills-Parole Elementary School - 1916-2016.

Also, I would be remiss if I did not recognize Shawn, who has been working diligently on this project for several months.

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The new street name for this piece of legislation is:

"Noah Taylor Way"

Currently, there are 2 sections of Center Street. The southern-most section has residences. The section between Forest Drive and Oaklawn Avenue does not have any residences. We proposed, and it was passed, that this section be renamed "Noah Taylor Way".

Almost a century ago, Mr. Noah Taylor purchased the large tract of land on the southern part of Center Street between Forest Drive and Oaklawn Avenue. Many of his family members continue to reside in the homes on this land. The Taylor family have been great contributors to the community of Parole and Annapolis. For example, Mr. Taylor's daughter-in-law, Thelma Angela Taylor, previously served admirably as President of the Parole Improvement Association. And Mr. Taylor's great-grandson, Maurice "Moe" Taylor, is the Artist in Residence for the Greater Parole Community Association; and this past spring 2016, his short film, "The Journey to Come", was accepted into and was shown as a part of the Annapolis Film Festival's 4-day celebration. The Taylor family members have attended our Annapolis area schools, including Parole Elementary School (now the Walter S. Mills-Parole Elementary School).

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Because this request is a continuing part of our 100 year celebration of the Walter S. Mills-Parole Elementary School - 1916-2016, the President and Immediate Past President of the Greater Parole Community Association, Mr. H. Vincent Price, Jr. and Mr. Lawrence L. Harris,

Jr., and I would appreciate it if this matter could be approved in 2016. We would however, anticipate a formal community celebration sometime in the spring 2017.

Prepared by Alderwoman Pindell Charles