

RES 17-093

Wilmington, Delaware
December 14, 2017

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Sponsors:

**Council
Members
Williams
McCoy**

Co-Sponsor:

**Council
Member
Turner**

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2016, the Wilmington Fire Department's bravest – including Captain Christopher Leach, Lieutenant Jerry Fickes, Jr. and Lieutenant Ardythe Hope – answered the call of duty, setting aside all concerns for their own safety and rushing into a blazing house fire attempting to save the lives of others they believed to be trapped; and

WHEREAS, Captain Leach and Lieutenant Fickes were killed in the line of duty on September 24, 2016, and Lieutenant Hope, after courageously fighting for her life, ultimately succumbed to her injuries on December 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Brad Speakman was seriously injured in the fire, and is still recovering; and

WHEREAS, the house destroyed by the fire has been demolished, and the lot has remained vacant; and

WHEREAS, this location is considered hallowed ground to the members of the Wilmington Fire Department and the families of those whose lives were tragically lost; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Professional Firefighters Union, Local 1590 is seeking to secure the property as a permanent memorial of the courageous sacrifices of its members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that City Council supports efforts by the Wilmington Professional Firefighters Union, Local 1590 to preserve the property located at 1927 Lakeview Road as a permanent memorial to the fallen heroes, Captain Christopher Leach, Lieutenant Jerry Fickes, Jr., and Lieutenant Ardythe Hope, who gave their lives for the City they loved.

Passed by City Council,
December 14, 2017

Attest: Maribel Seijo
City Clerk

Approved as to form this 12th
day of December, 2017.

Elizabeth W. Power
Senior Assistant City Solicitor

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution supports efforts by the Wilmington Professional Firefighters Union, Local 1590 to preserve the property located at 1927 Lakeview Road as a memorial to the fallen heroes, Captain Christopher Leach, Lieutenant Jerry Fickes, Jr., and Lieutenant Ardythe Hope, who gave their lives for the City they loved.