

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO
RESOLUTION 20-011

PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE SGT. ALEX DRABIK FOR HIS HEROIC ACTIONS DURING THE WORLD WAR II CAMPAIGN, AS WELL AS THE DESIGNATION OF THE NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND LANES OF INTERSTATE 475 BETWEEN HILL AVE. AND STATE ROUTE 2 IN SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP, LUCAS COUNTY AS THE "SGT. ALEX DRABIK MEMORIAL HIGHWAY."

The Board of Trustees of Springfield Township, Lucas County, Ohio, met in regular session Monday, June 1, 2020, at 7617 Angola Road, Holland, Ohio, with the following members present:

Robert Bethel, Tom Anderson Jr., and Andrew Glenn

Andrew Glenn moved the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Alexander Drabik was born a Holland Ohio native on December 28, 1910 and attended Dorr Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Alex Drabik enlisted in the U.S. Army in October, 1942; and

WHEREAS, SGT. Drabik fought in the Ardennes, Central Europe and Rhineland Campaigns of World War II; and

WHEREAS, SGT. Drabik was wounded at the Battle of the Bulge on December 17, 1944 and he received the Purple Heart in January, 1945; and

WHEREAS, SGT. Drabik recovered from his wound and returned to active duty in March, 1945 where he led 10 soldiers from A Company of the 27th Armored Infantry Battalion of the 9th Armored Division across the (2) two track Ludendorff Railroad Bridge from Remagen to Erpel, Germany on the East Side of the Rhine River; and

WHEREAS, the Ludendorff Bridge had been prepared for demolition, SGT. Drabik led his men through enemy fire, cleared bridge towers of snipers and demolition crews, and eradicated snipers and gun crews along the bank and cliffs; and

WHEREAS, for his heroic actions, SGT. Drabik was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross on March 27, 1945 for "extra-ordinary heroism in action against the enemy" and "unflinching valor"; and

WHEREAS, Ohio House Bill 276, designates the northbound and southbound lanes of Interstate 475 between Hill Ave. and State Route 2 in Springfield Township, Lucas County, Ohio as the "SGT. Alex Drabik Memorial Highway."

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Springfield Township Board of Trustees:

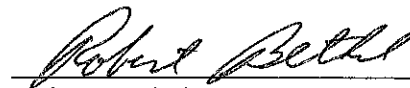

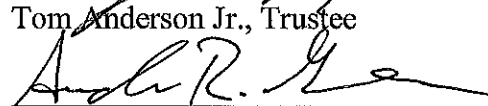
1. That the Springfield Township Board of Trustees adopt a Proclamation recognizing the heroic actions of SGT. Drabik during the World War II Campaign.
2. That the Board of Trustees recognizes the designation of the northbound and southbound lanes of Interstate 475 between Hill Ave. and State Route 2 in Springfield Township, Lucas County, Ohio as the "SGT. Alex Drabik Memorial Highway".
3. That the Board of Trustees on behalf of all Springfield Township residents take this opportunity to express our sincere and grateful appreciation for the heroic actions displayed during the World War II Campaign by SGT. Alex Drabik.
4. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code of Ohio.

Robert Bethel seconded the motion and the roll call resulted as follows:

Robert Bethel	Yes
Tom Anderson Jr.	Yes
Andrew Glenn	Yes

ATTEST:


Barbara Dietze, Fiscal Officer
June 1, 2020, Regular Trustee Meeting


Robert Bethel, Trustee

Tom Anderson Jr., Trustee

Andrew Glenn, Trustee