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Dear Mayor Leffingwell,

Please find attached a recent Resolution passed unanimously, in open session, after being publically posted for action, by the Travis County Commissioners Court. This resolution expresses support for the recent request to the City of Austin to add an honorary sign (honoring Mr. Roy Q. Minton) to the official signage at the intersection of 11th and Guadalupe Streets, for the one block section of 11th Street, between Guadalupe Street and San Antonio Street, where his office has been located for many decades.

The Resolution from the County may be of special importance, since the County owns the property on all three corners of the intersection in question, except for the corner owned by Mr. Minton's law firm itself.

In fact, the County owns all of the property along one side of the block in question (where the old courthouse sits). I am not aware of any opposition to this request from any person, including any property owner.

I will not belabor the issue regarding the merits of such an honor for Mr. Minton, since I know the council members will have their own knowledge of his contributions and storied career. I admit of great personal bias in this matter because, like many local attorneys, judges, journalists and other participants in our public affairs, I have benefitted from Mr. Minton's guidance and his example. However, I think that it is worthy of notice that, not long ago he was named by Texas Lawyer Magazine as one of the most influential attorneys in Texas for the last 100 years.

Please submit this request to the Council, along with any supporting material you deem appropriate.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Ken Oden

Resolution



WHEREAS, Mr. Roy Q. Minton has practiced law with distinction in Travis County for many decades at the intersection of 11th and Guadalupe Streets, where his law office is still located;

WHEREAS, a request has been made to the City of Austin to honor Mr. Roy Q. Minton's decades of progressive leadership by adding an honorary sign bearing his name to the existing City of Austin street sign at the intersection in question; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Minton's contributions to our community are worthy of this modest recognition;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT SUPPORTS THE PROPOSAL TO ADD MR. ROY Q. MINTON'S NAME TO THE STREET SIGN AT 11TH AND GUADALUPE STREETS IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS.

APPROVED THE 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2011.

SAMUEL T. BISCOE
Travis County Judge

RON DAVIS
Commissioner, Pct. 1

SARAH ECKHARDT
Commissioner, Pct. 2

KAREN L. HUBER
Commissioner, Pct. 3

MARGARET J. GÓMEZ
Commissioner, Pct. 4

POINTS TO CONSIDER :

1. THIS IS AN “HONORARY” ADDITION TO THE OFFICIAL SIGNAGE. IT DOES NOT “CHANGE” THE STREET NAME.
2. DOES NOT REQUIRE ALTERATION OF ANY EXISTING ADDRESSES, EMERGENCY SERVICES INFO, ETC.
3. THIS REQUEST IS SUPPORTED BY ANOTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY WITH DIRECT INVOLVEMENT WITH THE EFFECTED/ADJOINING PROPERTY AND THE STREET IN QUESTION.
4. THE SECTION FOR THE HONORARY NAMING IS LIMITED IN SIZE (ONLY ONE BLOCK), THE MINIMUM SIZE POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE THE PURPOSE.
5. NO OPPOSITION KNOWN TO THE PROPOSAL, NONE EXPRESSED WHEN THE MATTER WAS CONSIDERED IN OPEN MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS COURT.

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Dear Mayor Leffingwell,

The purpose of this letter is to make a request that the City of Austin consider adding an honorary name to a one block section of West 11th Street (the 400 block of West 11th Street) , between Guadalupe Street and San Antonio Street.

My proposal is that this one block section have the honorary name of "Roy Minton" added to the existing name of "West 11th Street", in honor of longtime Austin attorney, Roy Minton.

During the month of November, 2011, Mr. Minton will celebrate his 80th birthday. The spirit of this request is to use the occasion of Mr. Minton's 80th birthday to acknowledge his contributions to the civic life and the legal profession in this community and create a permanent reminder of his life's work for future generations.

I have attached some recent profiles of Mr. Minton for your consideration.

I am ignorant of the process that is used for such a request as this. If there is a standard process, please direct me to it and I will follow it if I am able to do so. I should also make

it clear that Mr. Minton neither knows of, nor supports, this proposal. I suspect that he would argue for paying homage to his own mentors and heroes, rather than himself. However, the reality is that he has been a mentor and inspiration to several generations of Austinites and few would be better deserving of this type of acknowledgement.

I have personally inquired on this matter and I can represent to the Counsel that a quick canvas of the opinions of our active and retired Judges, our legislative leaders, local attorneys and generations of law enforcement officials, press people, and many litigants, (some less guilty than others), would yield overwhelming support for such a modest acknowledgement of Mr. Minton's decades of good humored, passionate and effective engagement in the public affairs of our city and our state.

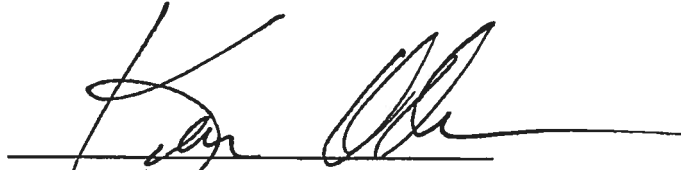
Mr. Minton has not only vigorously practiced law at the County Courthouse (on the street in question) for decades, he has also "held court" for over 40 years at his law office (for several generations referred to as the "Red Brick Courthouse") across 11th Street from the Courthouse itself. In the "Red Room" of this building he has hosted the discussions and debates of the day, teaching history and preserving the love of storytelling he has so enjoyed throughout his life. Under his roof, he offered a forum to any and all political persuasions and opinions. Loath to participate himself, he has "suffered" patiently through frequent episodes of slanderous gossip.

True to his own personal code, he has always encouraged mutual respect among the participants in our public affairs. Not an insignificant concept. At his place, you could be sure of the good humor of the guests, if not their total sobriety.

Mr. Minton grew up in a family which valued education and the progressive potential of our democracy. He has transmitted those values to many others through his life's work.

I request that you take whatever steps as are necessary to add his name to the street adjacent to his office at the intersection of 11th and Guadalupe. I know of no opposition to this proposal. Should any develop, I suggest that you do as he would do in the face of misguided objections and graciously disregard it.

Sincerely,



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Texas Lawyer Newspaper Names the 102 Most Influential Lone Star Attorneys of the 20th Century

(Dallas) The first woman to be named a federal judge in Texas. The lawyer who represented Jack Ruby. The former ambassador to the Soviet Union. Hedy Lamarr's divorce lawyer.

From the celebrated to the obscure, the list of the 102 most influential Texas lawyers of the 20th Century is a Who's Who of Texas law. Some of those named by *Texas Lawyer* newspaper as Legal Legends are household names, and others are only known by a small cadre of legal historians. But all of them made their mark on 20th Century Texas.

"The public often underestimate the importance of lawyers in their daily lives," says *Texas Lawyer* editor Colleen McGushin. "But the people on this list are responsible for everything from abortion rights to multi-billion dollar settlements with Big Tobacco. These are some of the most influential people in the country. They also happen to have a law degree."

Legal Legends is a special publication of *Texas Lawyer* newspaper, the state's only independent newspaper dedicated to law and lawyers. The Legal Legends edition, free to subscribers, is available for \$19.95 through the newspaper's website at www.law.com/texas.

Among the Legal Legends:

Sarah Weddington, who took the groundbreaking abortion rights case *Roe v. Wade* to the U.S. Supreme Court, and who now says she's been "typecast" by her biggest win;

John O'Quinn, the controversial Houston litigator who was one of the lead lawyers in the battle against Big Tobacco, and whose verdicts in the last decade exceed \$20 billion;

Sarah T. Hughes, the first woman to be named to the federal bench in Texas, she is probably best remembered for administering the oath of office to Lyndon B. Johnson hours after the assassination of John F. Kennedy;

Robert Strauss, the charismatic co-founder of the international law firm of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, he served as the U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union under President George Bush.

The Legal Legends were selected by the editors of *Texas Lawyer*, who received hundreds of nominations from readers.

"It was a massive undertaking," admits McGushin. "Like any '100 Greatest' list, it was subjective and unscientific. And there are hundreds of Texas lawyers whose contributions to the law and the legal profession are as significant as those made by those who made our list. But we like to think that's a testament to the number of excellent lawyers Texas produces."

If you would like to interview Ms. McGushin, please contact Amy Hunt at 1-800-559-4534.

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Texas Lawyer's Legal Legends
The 102 Most Influential Texas Lawyers of the 20th Century

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| Morris Atlas, McAllen | Barbara Hines & Lee Terán, San Antonio | → A.J. (Jack) Pope, Austin |
| James A. Baker, Houston | John B. Holmes Jr., Houston | Ernest Raba, San Antonio |
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