

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, Ann and Roy Butler were instrumental in the beautification of the hike and bike trail around a portion of the Colorado River in downtown Austin that is currently known as Lady Bird Lake; and

WHEREAS, Roy Butler was elected Mayor of Austin in 1971 and was re-elected two years later, and during his time in office, he—along with Lady Bird Johnson, Ann Butler, Les Gage, Sinclair Black, Betty Wilson, Emma Long, Carolyn Curtis, Jim Pfluger and Lou Neff, among others—formed the Town Lake Beautification Committee, aimed at beautifying the banks of what was then known as “Town Lake;” and

WHEREAS, the beautification of the hike and bike trail began as a vision by Lady Bird Johnson—the wife of former President Lyndon B. Johnson—and Ann Butler. In 1971, while in London for an international conference of mayors, Mrs. Butler met up with Lady Bird Johnson, who was staying at the same hotel. The two women were admiring a stretch of the Thames Path—a beautiful, green trail—when Mrs. Johnson asked Mrs. Butler if it was something that could be created in Austin. Mrs. Butler said yes, and looked to her husband, Mayor Roy Butler, for help; and

WHEREAS, in December 1971, the Town Lake Beautification Committee was formed to make the vision a reality. To complement the public-private effort to beautify the area and make it a more attractive and useful public space, the committee raised funds to plant hundreds of trees along the banks of the lake and spent years beautifying the trail; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The entire hike and bike trail around Lady Bird Lake, including the newly completed trail section known as the Boardwalk, is named the “Ann and Roy Butler Hike and Bike Trail.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is authorized to proudly display the hike and bike trail name in connection with all correspondence, promotion, public relations and publicity and to take any action necessary to identify the hike and bike trail as the “Ann and Roy Butler Hike and Bike Trail.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Council, in accordance with City Code Section 14-1-33(I), waives the requirements of Article 4, Chapter 14-1 (*Approval of a Name for a Public Facility or Property*).

ADOPTED: _____, 2011

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk