

Sponsor: **Anthony W. Higgs**  
*Councilman, 3rd District*

ORDINANCE NO. 9285

**An Ordinance Designating the 1100 block of Merrill Street as “Honorary Arnold Ridgell, Sr. Street”**

**WHEREAS**, Arnold Ridgell, Sr., first came to the Purdue University Calumet in Hammond in 1968 after working in the post office and serving in the U.S. Army in the Korean War. Upon arriving at Purdue Calumet he sued the university for equal rights. From that experience he became an advocate for students of color. By 1976 he worked in Student Services, leaving a legacy that became so valuable that when he retired he was asked to return to Purdue Calumet to work as the From Boots to Books first ombudsman. Again he used his excellent expertise to assist military students receive their educational benefits, to update military records, and to transition back into civilian life. His motto, that is still the aim of the program, is and always will be “No Veteran or Enlisted Student Left Behind.” In recognition of his services, the Council finds it appropriate to designate an honorary street in his memory.

**THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAMMOND** that the 1100 block of Merrill Street is hereby designated “Honorary Arnold Ridgell, Sr. Street”. An honorary designation does not change the official name of a street or the addresses of any persons living on the street.

PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Hammond, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2015.

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MICHAEL OPINKER, President /s/

ATTEST:

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ROBERT J. GOLEC, CITY CLERK

PRESENTED BY ME, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Hammond, to the Mayor of said City for his approval on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

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ROBERT J. GOLEC, CITY CLERK /s/

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The foregoing Ordinance No. 9285 consisting of 2 pages, including this page approved by the Mayor on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

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THOMAS M. McDERMOTT, JR., /s/  
MAYOR, City of Hammond, Indiana

PASSED by the Common Council on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2015, and approved by the Mayor on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

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ROBERT J. GOLEC, CITY CLERK /s/