

SPONSORS: **Pedro “Pete” Torres**

2nd District Councilman

Dave Woerpel,

5th District Councilman

& the entire

Hammond Common Council

RESOLUTION NO. R30

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING LAUREN
ALYSSA CALVILLO AND DESIGNATING THE 5500 BLOCK OF
BEALL AVENUE AS “HONORARY LAUREN ALYSSA CALVILLO
MEMORIAL AVENUE”

WHEREAS, the Common Council finds that Lauren Alyssa Calvillo was only sixteen years old when she was murdered on the porch of her home in the 5500 block of Beall Avenue in Hammond. At that time she was protecting the lives of five young children from a gang member who fired forty rounds of bullets, and

WHEREAS Lauren Calvillo, was born May 24, 1999, at St. Margaret Hospital, in Hammond, Indiana because the doctor had previously advised her mother that she would never be able to have children, the family believed that Lauren was a “miracle baby” and

WHEREAS Lauren was raised on Beall Street, in Hammond. She lived down the street from her grandparents Joseph and Martha Hubbard, lifelong residents of the street. She attended school in Hammond—Lafayette Elementary School, Edison Elementary School, Scott Middle School, and Hammond High School; AND

WHEREAS Lauren, did not always have an easy life, She was a fighter her entire life. When she was only one year old, she was diagnosed with cancer. She was treated at Children’s Memorial Hospital in Chicago with chemotherapy and steroid. She emerged victorious when she was three years old. Later she was victimized by bullies in school. She faced a constant battle through her younger years. Her mother lifted her spirits and helped her see the beauty she had within herself. Lauren became a better person because of the trials she faced at the hands of her bullies. She became more confident in the face of ridicule. She was constantly vigilant and helped others around her who faced similar circumstances.

WHEREAS Lauren was a young woman of faith. She knew God at a very young age. By the time she could talk she was already saying nightly prayers. She and her brother had a very close bond. She loved him and he loved her. She looked after him and was “her brother’s keeper;” and

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WHEREAS Lauren had a passion and love for others, during her short life. She had a special place in her heart for both children and for the elderly, alike. She spent much of her time with younger children in the neighborhood—playing with them and looking after them. She had a soft heart for the elderly, and spent many weekends and evenings acting as caregiver to the elderly; and

WHEREAS Lauren, heroically sacrificed her life saving others. June 29, 2015, Lauren was enjoying a warm summer evening on her front porch with young friends and cousins. Then, a gunman opened fire at the end of the block spraying Beall Street with over 40 rounds of ammunition. Lauren shielded her young friends and cousins with her own body. As she was saving the lives of the children, she was fatally shot; and

WHEREAS Lauren Calvillo is commemorated at Wicker Park with a tree planted honoring her as a hero for saving the lives of five young children as she fell to her death. Lauren is a hero and will be remembered as a hero, and her memory will never die, and

WHEREAS, the Common Council finds that under these circumstances it would be appropriate to honor her heroism by designating the 5500 block of Beall Street where Lauren lived and died as “Lauren Alyssa Calvillo Memorial Avenue”;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAMMOND that the City of Hammond honors and recognizes the contributions of Lauren Alyssa Calvillo and designates the 5500 block of Beall Avenue as “Honorary Lauren A. Calvillo Memorial Avenue.”

ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Hammond, on the 11th day of June, 2018.

Janet Venecz, President /s/

ATTEST:

ROBERT J. GOLEC, CITY CLERK /s/

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PRESENTED BY ME, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Hammond, to the Mayor of said City for his approval on the 12th day of June, 2018.

ROBERT J. GOLEC, CITY CLERK /s/

The foregoing Resolution No. R30 consisting of 3 pages, including this page approved by the Mayor on the 12th day of June, 2018.

THOMAS MCDERMOTT, JR., MAYOR /s/
City of Hammond, Indiana

ADOPTED by the Common Council on the 11th day of June, 2018, and approved by the Mayor on the 12 day of June, 2018.

ROBERT J. GOLEC, CITY CLERK /s/