
**THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION
NUMBER 2016-006**

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE JOHN D. RITA
RECREATION CENTER AND THE CARLEE JACKSON, JR. GYM**

**DOMINGO F. VARGAS, Mayor
Randy Heuser, City Clerk**

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| 1st Ward | TOM HAWLEY | GEORGE POULOS |
| 2nd Ward | LETICIA VIEYRA | FRED BILOTTO |
| 3rd Ward | NANCY RITA | KEVIN DONAHUE |
| 4th Ward | CANDACE CARR | ALECIA SLATTERY |
| 5th Ward | JANICE OSTLING | KENNETH PITTMAN |
| 6th Ward | DEXTER JOHNSON | JAIRO FRAUSTO |
| 7th Ward | NANCY THOMPSON | JAMES JOHANSON |

Aldermen

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WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island wish to pay honor to John D. Rita who was the mayor of Blue Island from 1978 to 1985 ; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island wish to pay honor to Carlee Jackson, Jr. who was an alderman of Blue Island from 1997 to 2009 ; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize those who contributed to the betterment of the City of Blue Island through public service; and

WHEREAS, John D. Rita had a vision to make Blue Island a better place to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, John D. Rita had a vision of creating a recreation center for the residents of the California Gardens community and was dedicated to bringing the community together and providing a facility for the entire community to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, John D. Rita believed that Blue Island needed a recreation center to give the local residents a place to call their own; and

WHEREAS, Carlee Jackson, Jr. was the first African American to serve on the Blue Island City Council and represented the California Gardens Community; and

WHEREAS, Carlee Jackson, Jr. spent his life working to improve and provide better service to the California Gardens Community and the City of Blue Island.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois, that the California Gardens Recreation Center, also known as the Blue Island Recreation Center, shall be designated as the “John D. Rita Recreation Center” and the “Carlee Jackson, Jr. Gym.” Be it further resolved that the John D. Rita

Recreational Center and Carlee Jackson, Jr. Gym be dedicated to the vision that each public servant had of bringing the community of Blue Island together and providing recreational opportunities to its residents.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of March, 2016, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

| | YES | NO | ABSENT | PRESENT | ABSTAIN |
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| Alderman Hawley | X | | | | |
| Alderman Poulos | X | | | | |
| Alderman Vieyra | X | | | | |
| Alderman Bilotto | X | | | | |
| Alderman Rita | X | | | | |
| Alderman Donahue | X | | | | |
| Alderman Carr | X | | | | |
| Alderman Slattery | X | | | | |
| Alderman Ostling | X | | | | |
| Alderman Pittman | X | | | | |
| Alderman Johnson | | | X | | |
| Alderman Frausto | X | | | | |
| Alderman Thompson | | | X | | |
| Alderman Johanson | X | | | | |
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| Mayor Vargas | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 12 | | 2 | | |

APPROVED by the Mayor on March 22, 2016.

Domingo Vargas

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

ATTESTED and Filed in my office this
22nd day of March, 2016.

Randy Heuser

CITY CLERK