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CITY OF SEATTLE
RESOLUTION 31413

A RESOLUTION providing an honorary designation of North 34th Street between Fremont Avenue North and Troll Avenue North as "JP Patches Place."

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle has been fortunate to be the home of many great artists, thinkers, and performers of all types—but one of our most enduring and treasured icons was Chris Wedes, aka J P Patches; and

WHEREAS, on television from 1958 to 1981, Mr. Wedes entertained generations of Seattle-area children and adults with his unrehearsed show, broadcasted live and often twice in a day; and

WHEREAS, friendly and mischievous, J P Patches delighted audiences with an improvised style and charm that was as unique as it was hilarious, enlisting the help of a vast array of zany characters, most of them played by his friend and co-star Bob Newman; and

WHEREAS, over its many years on air, the J P Patches show hosted a wide array of celebrity guests, ranging from local politicians to basketball stars, Jack LaLanne to Jacques Cousteau; and

WHEREAS, J P Patches was also known for his innumerable public appearances, taking many opportunities to connect with his community and become a lasting friend to the children of Seattle and the Pacific Northwest.

WHEREAS, since Mr. Wedes' passing earlier this summer, many of Seattle's residents have gathered to pay respect to the memory of J P Patches, and we would like join our community by paying tribute; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE
MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

Section 1. North 34th Street between Fremont Ave North and Troll Avenue North shall have an honorary designation as "JP Patches Place."

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Section 2. The Council requests that the Seattle Department of Transportation place memorial signs at prominent and appropriate locations, which shall reflect the "JP Patches Place" honorary designation.

Section 3. By this Resolution, the Council does not intend to affect any existing or future signage that reflects the honorary designation of JP Patches Place, with the exception of the memorial signs described in Section 2 of this Resolution

Adopted by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2012, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this ____ day of _____, 2012.

President _____ of the City Council

THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

Michael McGinn, Mayor

Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2012.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

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Legislation Title:

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Summary of the Legislation:

The proposed resolution that provides an honorary designation of North 34th Street as "JP Patches Place." The proposed designation will take effect for the stretch of road between Fremont Ave North and Troll Avenue North, which will be marked by new signage.

Background:

On television from 1958 to 1981, Chris Wedes (aka JP Patches) delighted both adults and children of the Pacific Northwest with his mostly improvised live broadcast show. Over the years, JP Patches would become an integral part of the Seattle community, regularly making public appearances and establishing himself as a friend for thousands of people. Since his passing earlier this year, members of the community have come together in large numbers to voice their love and respect for their favorite clown.

Please check one of the following:

This legislation does not have any financial implications.

Other Implications:

- a) **Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications?**
No
- b) **What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?** None
- c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
SDOT will implement signage.
- d) **What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives?** None
- e) **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?** No.

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- f) Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation? No.
- g) Does this legislation affect a piece of property? No.
- h) Other Issues:

List attachments to the fiscal note below:
None



City of Seattle
Office of the Mayor

October 3, 2012

Honorable Sally J. Clark
President
Seattle City Council
City Hall, 2nd Floor

Dear Council President Clark:

I am pleased to transmit the attached proposed resolution that provides an honorary designation of North 34th Street as "JP Patches Place." The proposed designation will take effect for the stretch of road between Fremont Ave North and Troll Avenue North, which will be marked by new signage.

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This resolution provides a way for the city to stand with the community in thanking Chris Wedes for all that he has done for us. Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Should you have questions, please contact Sol Villarreal at 206-233-2656.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael McGinn".

Michael McGinn
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council

