



## **Resolution Recognizing George Ray**

**WHEREAS,** George Ray created the concept, built the coalition of supporters to carry out the project, and has now welcomed the veteran community to the Oakleigh Veterans Memorial on Nichols Court; and

**WHEREAS,** Albemarle County residents now have a new memorial park, which is accessible to veterans and their families of all abilities, a memorial wall of honor with ADA access, a peaceful fountain, and a children's playground; and

**WHEREAS,** The Oakleigh Veterans Park is a Memorial dedicated to the honor of all American military and civilian support personnel who served the United States in the wars in the Middle East and associated regions. It is a place of contemplation and respect for the sacrifice of so many; and

**WHEREAS,** A prominent part of this Memorial is a special recognition area for Gold Star mothers and fathers and their lost loved ones;

**WHEREAS,** The Memorial also features a special recognition of the 391st Engineering Battalion of the US Army Reserve headquartered in Greenville, South Carolina and to the four Battalion soldiers killed in combat near Asadabad, Afghanistan on March 12, 2006.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that we the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors do hereby honor and recognize George Ray for his initiative and final accomplishment of the Oakleigh Veterans Memorial.

Signed this 3rd day of November 2021.

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Ned L. Gallaway, Chair  
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors