RESOLUTION NO. 103-12

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA
IN SUPPORT OF EFFORTS BY THE CITY OF HERCULES TO HAVE THE SECTION
OF HIGHWAY 4 IN HERCULES NAMED IN HONOR OF FORMER HERCULES
MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER JOE EDDY MCDONALD

WHEREAS, Joe Eddy McDonald grew up in North Richmond, where he attended Verde
Elementary School, Helms Junior High School in San Pablo, and graduated from Richmond
Union High School; and

WHEREAS, McDonald was elected to the Hercules City Council in November 2006 and
served one four-year term; he was mayor from December 2008 to December 2009. Previously
he had served on the City Planning Commission, from December 2002 to November 2006, the
last 2½ years as chairman; and

WHEREAS, tragedy struck the McDonald family on Oct. 3, 1994, when Joe’s daughter
Kimaree McDonald, 25, and her cousin Tiffane Spencer, 17, were killed when their car crashed
head-on into a big rig on a winding, notoriously dangerous two-lane stretch of Highway 4 in
West Contra Costa known as "Blood Alley" as they were returning home from buying an
anniversary present for Joe Eddy and his wife Mary Ann McDonald; and

WHEREAS, vowing to keep others from suffering the same tragic fate, Joe Eddy and
Mary Ann McDonald spearheaded a campaign to widen and divide the highway, collecting
10,000 signatures on a petition to state lawmakers, making presentations to local government
agencies, and organizing a community walk carrying wooden crosses wrapped in yellow ribbons
that represented accident victims killed on the roadway since the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, working with his wife, Joe Eddy’s advocacy eventually led to the $86
million Highway 4 West divided highway project, which added two lanes and related safety
improvements that have prevented tragic auto fatalities such as that which claimed his family
members.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Richmond City Council does
hereby support efforts by the City of Hercules to have the section of Highway 4 in Hercules
named in honor of former Hercules Mayor and Councilmember Joe Eddy McDonald.

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I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the Members of the City Council of the City of Richmond at a special meeting held on July 31, 2012, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Boozé, Butt, Ritterman, Vice Mayor Rogers, and Mayor McLaughlin.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

DIANE HOLMES
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND

Approved:

GAYLE MCLAUGHLIN
Mayor

Approved as to form:

BRUCE GOODMILLER
City Attorney

State of California  )
County of Contra Costa : ss.
City of Richmond  )

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 103-12, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a special meeting held on July 31, 2012.