

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, from its inception in 1950, the brainchild of the late Press Thornton, the Future Masters has become a proving ground for golfs brightest junior stars; and

**WHEREAS**, an impressive list of golfing greats who have competed in the tournament continues to grow and includes past U.S. Open Champions - Hubert Green and Jerry Pate; Masters Winners - Larry Mize, Trevor Immelmann, Bubba Watson and Patrick Reed, PGA Champions - Bob Tway, Mark Brooks and Shaun Micheel; Open Winners - Ben Curtis and Stewart Cink along with many many other PGA Tour players; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Press Thornton Jr., served as the General Chairman of the Future Masters for the past 64 years and greeted each contestant and their family to the Dothan Country Club from all over the world every June; and

**WHEREAS**, with his passing on January 5, 2020, Dr. Thornton was an icon in the junior golf world and exemplified the true spirit of golf and his love for the junior players; and

**WHEREAS**, the direct economic impact to the City of Dothan is approximately \$500,000 per year and has been approximately \$30,000,000 over the life of the tournament as this upcoming tournament will celebrate seventy-one (71) years of "Growing Junior Golf".

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioner of the City of Dothan, Alabama as follows:

**Section 1.** That in recognition of Mr. Press Thornton and Dr. Press Thornton, Jr., the Board of Commissioners of the City of Dothan, Alabama do hereby designate the portion of Cherokee Avenue from the intersection of Main Street to the Dothan Country Club Entrance as "**Press Thornton Memorial Drive**". Let it be known also, this recognition, be in honor of the thousands of junior golfers and their families that have traveled South Cherokee to the Dothan Country Club to compete in the Press Thornton Future Masters for the past 70 years.

**PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED** on \_\_\_\_\_.

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Associate Commissioner District 1

\_\_\_\_\_  
Associate Commissioner District 2

\_\_\_\_\_  
Associate Commissioner District 3

\_\_\_\_\_  
Associate Commissioner District 4

\_\_\_\_\_  
Associate Commissioner District 5

\_\_\_\_\_  
Associate Commissioner District 6  
**BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS**