Resolution No. 030307

Passed: August 25, 2003

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida, to designate and dual-name Southeast 1st Street from Southeast 2nd Avenue to Southeast 3rd Avenue as "Spc. Jeffrey Mattison Wershow Way," in honor of Spc. Jeffrey Mattison Wershow; and providing an immediate effective date.

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Mattison Wershow was born in Gainesville, Florida, and attended Brentwood, Buchholz and Oak Hall Schools, graduating from Oak Hall in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey was an exemplary and active participant in student government, sports and civic life; and

WHEREAS, Spc. Wershow served three years in the U. S. Army Parachute Infantry and was honorably discharged in June 2002, requesting service with the National Guard; and

WHEREAS, while attending Santa Fe Community College, Jeffrey was called to active duty in December 2002 and deployed with Company C, Second Battalion, 124th Infantry Regiment; and

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2003, Spc. Jeffrey Mattison Wershow was killed in Baghdad, Iraq, in the Service of his Country; and

WHEREAS, Spc. Wershow is the recipient of the Army Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Achievement Medal, the Parachute Badge, the Army Service Medal, the Combat Infantry Badge, the Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has awarded the Florida Cross, the highest medal that may be awarded by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe Community College has awarded Spc. Wershow an honorary degree, and the Levin College of Law at the University of Florida has awarded honorary admission; and

WHEREAS, We, the living, dedicate ourselves to his memory and the supreme sacrifice he made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Southeast 1st Street from Southeast 2nd Avenue to Southeast 3rd Avenue, in the City of Gainesville, Florida, is designated and dual-named as "Spc. Jeffrey Mattison Wershow Way" in his honor so that his sacrifice and his dedication to humanity and this Country will always be remembered.

Section 2. The City Manager or designee is hereby authorized to carry out all necessary action to fulfill this Resolution.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

Passed and adopted this 25th day of August A. D., 2003

Thomas D. Bussing, Mayo

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Kurt M. Lannon

Clerk of the Commission

Marion J. Radson, City Attorney