

RESOLUTION NO. 9
March 17, 2020

**A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF A PURPLE
HEART COMMUNITY SIGN IN THE MEMORY OF PURPLE
HEART RECIPIENT PFC THOMAS MERANTE**

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson has declared itself a Purple Heart community recognizing the sacrifices made by recipients of the Purple Heart Medal; and

WHEREAS, Dominic Merante has donated a sign to the City of Hudson proclaiming its status as a Purple Heart Community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Merante has made the donation in honor of his uncle, PFC Thomas Merante who received the Purple Heart for injuries he incurred during an air attack while serving in the Korean War.

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the City of Hudson is hereby authorized and directed to accept the “Purple Heart Community” sign for placement at the entrance of the City where other similar signs are located.

Introduced: _____

Seconded: _____

Approved: _____
Kamal Johnson, Mayor

Dated: _____



AN AMERICAN CASUALTY, PFC THOMAS HERGOTZ, WAS HIT BY STREETS AT SOUTHERN KOREAN AIRPORT

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ass. He was promptly hit in the right hand. He turned to
und fire in that direction, forcing enemy withdrawal, and
the was struck twice more in the right arm before being
ight evacuated to safety. His aggressive performance
ddi- merited Silver Star. He also received Purple Heart
one and Combat Infantry Badge.

hing THOMAS C. MERANTE, born July 10, 1931,
ined Niagara Falls, NY. Joined US Army on Dec. 31,
nded 1948. He was on base when MacArthur made an
at a inspection tour. The base was bombed and he was
next hit with shell fragment. He was transported to a
r 19, hospital in MacArthur's two seat plane. He was
al by credited with being the first soldier wounded in the
on 21 Korean War. He was discharged June 9, 1951 with
rank Private First Class.

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y, two Bronze Star with "V", Army of Occupation Medal
Com- (Japan), Korean Service Medals with Star and the
Anti- State of NY Conspicuous Service Medal.



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He married Ann C. D'Angelo. They have one son, Peter. They have two grandchildren: Jessica and Peter, Jr. He was self-employed as a store owner. He retired as permanently disabled. He passed away on March 5, 1989.

