



**COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
GENERAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Jack Flynn, Chair**

DATE: Monday, February 2, 2026

TIME: 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Council Chambers-2nd Floor, City Hall

LIVESTREAM: YouTube— <https://www.youtube.com/@albanycommoncouncil>
Facebook— <https://www.facebook.com/albany.commoncouncil>

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION:

- **RESOLUTION 6.12.26R**
A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MOLLY PHINNEY LARSON, MOLLY QUINN DUFFY, AND JAMES WILLIAM LARSON AND RENAMING A PORTION OF SYCAMORE STREET IN THEIR HONOR

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: YES

The Albany Common Council encourages members of the public to provide public comment in-person or online. To provide in-person commentary, one can show up before the meeting to sign up, or use the link that follows 30 minutes prior to the meeting. One can also email commoncouncil@albanyny.gov to provide written public comment, or use the same link that follows:

<https://albanyny.gov/FormCenter/Common-Council-15/Online-Public-Comment-SignUpSubmission-F-59>

Council Members Flynn, Farrell, Hoey, and Zamer introduced the following:

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WHEREAS, the Larsons have long been a pillar of the City of Albany, known for their deep-rooted commitment to public service, caregiving, and community spirit across all generations of family members; and

WHEREAS, Molly Phinney “OG” Larson was born and raised in Albany, becoming a staple in the community who devoted her life to caring for others with compassion, patience, and warmth as a nurse, family member, and friend to all; and

WHEREAS, after serving in local hospitals and taking time to raise her family, she became a school nurse in the Albany City School District, where she was beloved by students and colleagues alike for her care, comfort, and encouragement; and

WHEREAS, Molly Larson also quickly became a respected member and advocate within the Albany Public School Teachers Association, advancing the standing of school nurses across the Capital Region through her advocacy; and

WHEREAS, in retirement, Molly Larson—often lovingly called “Non”—spent her time, embracing former students, tending to her garden, and volunteering at the Focus Churches Food Pantry, alongside her partner of 52 years, her children, and her grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, her spirit of warmth, humor, and generosity was also embodied by her daughter, Molly Quinn Duffy, who shared the same kindness and radiance that defined her family’s character; and

WHEREAS, Molly Quinn Duffy brightened every room she entered, few people had met her and remained a stranger; she drew many in with her good nature and devoted friendship; and

WHEREAS, she had an incredible ability to bring people together through her baking skills—she cooked thousands of Christmas cookies annually and was known for her signature St. Patrick’s Day soda bread; and

WHEREAS, she loved being a mother to her son Brian, with whom she created countless memories: cheering him on at Little League games, planning surprises, and supporting school and community activities, even as she courageously battled metastatic melanoma; and

WHEREAS, the family’s legacy of service was also exemplified by James “Jimmy” William Larson, an excellent father to Molly Quin Duffy and phenomenal husband to Molly Phinney Larson;

WHEREAS, James served our city fearlessly for more than three decades, beginning with his appointment to the Albany Fire Department in November 1968 and his role as a charter member of the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 2007; and

WHEREAS, some of his happiest and proudest years were spent riding the Rescue Squad as a firefighter, Lieutenant, and Captain before rising to Deputy Chief in 1985 and Chief of the Department in 1987, demonstrating leadership, strength, and unwavering commitment to public safety; and

WHEREAS, after retirement, Larson found tremendous joy in devoting himself to caring for his wife Molly and family—especially his grandchildren, Jack, Sean, Matty, Brian, and Keira—and further exploring his many hobbies; and

WHEREAS, together, Molly Phinney “OG” Larson, Molly Quinn Duffy, and James “Jimmy” William Larson represent a family whose compassion, service, humor, and dedication to one another and to Albany strengthened the fabric of our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Albany hereby honors the lives and legacies of Molly Phinney “OG” Larson, Molly Quinn Duffy, and James “Jimmy” William Larson by renaming a portion of Sycamore Street as “Larson Way”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council directs that two signs shall be produced reading “Larson Way”, to be placed in consultation with the Division of Traffic Engineering.

To: Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk

From: Alyssa Kamara, Junior Policy Analyst

Re: Common Council Legislation
Supporting Memorandum

Date: November 21, 2025

Sponsor: Council Member Jack Flynn, 11th Ward
Majority Leader Ginnie Farrell, 13th Ward
Council Member Thomas Hoey, 15th Ward
Council Member Deborah Zamer, 14th Ward

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GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

This resolution officially recognizes the contributions to the City of Albany made the Lawson Family and directs the creation of honorary street signs at the proposed location.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW

Per Code § 323-63.2 (B), the Council shall effectuate honorary street renamings “through the adoption of a resolution of the Common Council.”

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

MAP OF PROPOSED HONORARY STREET SIGNS

TBD



City Clerk
City of Albany, New York
City Hall
24 Eagle Street Albany, NY 12207
www.cityclerk@albanyny.gov

Date Received

Proposed Honorary Street Name Application Form

Instructions: This application must be completed in full and submitted for review. Please complete one (1) form for each proposed street name. Please complete the application in its entirety and print. Requests must be accompanied by the \$50.00 application fee

Applicant Information

Applicant's Name JACK FLYNN
Street Address 7 HARRIS City/State Albany, New York Zip 12207
Telephone (518) 255-7500 Fax () Email jackflynn@thware & smart.com

Honorary Street Information

Please note, proposed honorary names will be placed under existing street names for persons or groups being honored.

Requested Honorary Name LARSON WAY

Suggested Location Sycamore and Hackett

Existing Street Name Sycamore

Cross Street Information: From Sycamore to 2

Number of Intersections 1

Map of location for the proposed honorary street name attached () Yes () No

Honoree Information

Biography or reason for honoring the individual or group attached () Yes (X) No

Individual or group to be honored relevance to the proposed location (please Explain):

Please Review Attachment

Applicant's Signature Please Review Attachment Date _____