

RESOLUTION R-99 - 21

WHEREAS, the City of Conway Central Fire Station relocated to the recently renovated facility formerly known as the McGee Center located at 1401 Caldwell Street in March 1999; and

WHEREAS, the relocation was necessary in continuing to provide Fire Department related services to the citizenry of the City of Conway; and

WHEREAS, the City of Conway feels that it is appropriate to dedicate and name the recently renovated Central Fire Station; and

WHEREAS, James Wilson Drews is a retired firefighter who joined the department in 1928 and was promoted to Chief in June 1954. He served as Chief until May 15, 1982; and

WHEREAS, Chief Drews was Chief during some of the cities most historic fires and emergencies including the Hotel Bachelor in 1962, the tornado of 1965, Sun Oil Pipeline in 1979 and Hendrix College Administration building in 1982; and

WHEREAS, at the time of Chief Drews' retirement he was the oldest active professional firefighter in the State of Arkansas; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS, THAT:

1. The City of Conway Central Fire Station relocated to the recently renovated facility formerly known as the McGee Center located at 1401 Caldwell Street in March 1999.
2. The City Council and City of Conway do hereby recognize James Wilson Drews and his significant contributions to the City of Conway Fire Department.
3. The Mayor, City Council and the City of Conway do hereby wish to honor Chief James Wilson Drews for his service by dedicating and naming the relocated Central Fire Department;

**"Wilson Drews
Central Fire Station"**

Passed this 27th day of April 1999.

APPROVED:


Mayor Tab Townsell

ATTEST:


City Clerk Michael O. Garrett