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Joshua Cullins was a decorated soldier, having received several combat medals and awards for his service in Iraq and Afghanistan. Following his graduation from high school in June 2000, Mr. Cullins joined the Marines where he served on active-duty until August 2007. During his active duty, Mr. Cullins served two tours of duty in Iraq.

In August 2008, Mr. Cullins became a reservist and joined the Los Angeles Police Department. He graduated from the Police Academy in 2009 and was initially assigned to the Topanga area. In October 2010, Mr. Cullins was serving his second tour of duty as an explosive ordnance disposal technician with the First Marine Logistics Group, First Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company, 2nd Battalion and 9th Marine Regiment in Marja, located in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. On October 19, 2010, two days before he would have been relieved by a replacement, Mr. Cullins was killed by an improvised explosive device.

The older brother of two St. Martin's School students, Mr. Cullins was actively involved in the St. Martin's School community. He made many trips to the school's classrooms to speak with the students about the LAPD and the Marines. Mr. Cullins also served as a pen pal to St. Martin's School students during his deployment to Afghanistan. In 2010, the St. Martin's community prepared special flags to honor Mr. Cullins. The flags read "Josh Cullins: Our Son, Our Brother, Our Hero" and were flown under the American flag for a year before being presented to his two younger brothers. He was also honored at a special Veterans Day service held at the school in 2010.

It is appropriate that the City recognize Joshua Cullins' contributions to the St. Martin's School Winnetka community.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection of Gault Street and Quakertown Avenue be named as "Joshua Cullins Way" and that the Department of Transportation be instructed to erect honorary signs at the appropriate locations.

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