



**Roll Call Number**

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**Date** January 25, 2016

Request from Steven Pritchard, 504 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South, Newton, to speak requesting that the 5700 block of Allison Avenue be given an honorary name--RP Pritchard Avenue.

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**CERTIFICATE**

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

\_\_\_\_\_ City Clerk

**Rauh, Diane I.**

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**From:** website@dmgov.org  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 14, 2016 11:49 AM  
**To:** CouncilSpeak  
**Cc:** CityClerk  
**Subject:** Request to Speak Before the City Council - form submission

First Name: Mr Steven

Last Name: Pritchard

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City: NEWTON

State: IA

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Speaker(s): Steven P Pritchard

Meeting Date: Monday, January 25, 2016

Regarding: Changing Name of Street from Allison Ave to RP Pritchard Ave We would like it to read Allison Ave and under it Hon RP Pritchard thus would be on the 5718 Block of Allison ave.

Raymond Paul Pritchard

Raymond Pritchard was active in reading to kids in the local school and moved to Allison (2nd person to move on Allison. the street car Trolu went up and down Franklin ave Ray was assigned to an aircrew and completed phases of overseas training at Blythe, California; Pyote, Texas and Dyersburg, Tennessee. He and his crew then picked up a new aircraft at Savannah, Georgia and flew to Valley, Wales through Goose Bay, Labrador and Iceland. Ray was assigned to the 384th Bomb Group at Grafton Underwood, England.

Ray flew nine combat missions. The most memorable of which was his last mission, on April 25, 1945, a bombing raid on the Skoda Armament Works at Pilsen, Czechoslovakia. "We had to make three bomb runs on the target before it could be seen visually. The flak was murderous. When we got back our tail gunner had a large hole in the tail section right behind his position. We found him lying on his back laughing and looking up where the flak had come through the plane and missed him."

After V-E Day (Victory in Europe) Ray was sent to Istres, France, where his Bomb Group began moving American troops to staging areas for return to the United States. Ray left France in early December, 1945 and returned to England where he boarded the German ocean liner "Europa" to sail back to America.

Ray received his discharge from military service on December 24, 1945 at Camp Grant, Illinois. He had been awarded the Air Medal, European Theater of Operations and World War II Victory Medals. He fought valiantly in WW II in many

bombing missions. The Honorable Senator Charles Grassley honored Mr. Pritchard by saying he was, "critical to the war effort".

After the war Raymond married Helen L. Wilson of Leon, Iowa. They were married for 63 years until her death earlier this year. Raymond worked for 31 years at the Des Moines Post Office, retiring in 1974. Then worked for 2 years for the State of Iowa, Highway Patrol, Dept. of Public Safety, Post 1.

Raymond became a 3rd degree Master Mason on May 31, 1958. He was a 50 year member of Pioneer Masonic Lodge and a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason. He became a member of the Altoona Za-Ga-Zig Shrine in 1985. He served as Chaplain in the Legion of Honor in 2003. He belonged to Christ United Methodist Church in Des Moines, Iowa and the 8th Air Force Historical Society.

Raymond is survived by three children: Sharon K. Damron of Coronado, California, Alex Lee (Kim) Pritchard of Austin, Texas, and Steven Paul (Michelle) Pritchard of Newton, Iowa; 7 grandchildren; 3 step grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 5-7pm, Thursday, May 21, 2015 at Iles Westover Chapel. Funeral and Masonic services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Friday at the funeral home. Interment will be at Masonic Cemetery Mausoleum, with Military Honors.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Christ United Methodist Church.

My father was a WW 2 hero did not get to go on Honors flight. Hon Senator Grasley said he was an hero Please let me speak on getting the 5718 block named in Honor of RP Pritchard under the name Allison Ave

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