

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2013-068

Approving the honorary naming of the 1300 and 1400 blocks of Wheat Street between Sumter Street and Pickens Street as "Booker T. Washington High School Way"

WHEREAS, since its establishment in 1916 until its closing in 1974, Booker T. Washington High School served as the center of education for young African Americans in the City of Columbia, and thus became an historic icon of education graduating almost seven thousand students; and,

WHEREAS, Booker T. Washington High School, through patient and persistent cultivation, produced citizens of pride and distinction by developing an ambitious educational mission including innovative academic courses, extensive vocational training, creative and performing arts opportunities, and an award-winning athletic program; and,

WHEREAS, the community of Booker T. Washington High School, valiantly resisted closure in favor of preserving the school's tradition of community service through academic, vocational, athletic, and cultural excellence; and,

WHEREAS; the City of Columbia recognizes the service of Booker T. Washington High School as a foundation for social progress and enthusiastically takes on the duty to assist in preserving the rich history of the school; and,

WHEREAS, the indelible spirit of the community of Booker T. Washington High School continues to this day to flourish and serve the City of Columbia with the same excellence on which the institution was founded upon; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED this 18th day of June, 2013, that the Mayor and City Council do hereby approve the honorary naming of the 1300 and 1400 blocks of Wheat Street between Sumter Street and Pickens Street "Booker T. Washington High School Way". The design and color of the honorary toppers shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Public Works.

Requested by:

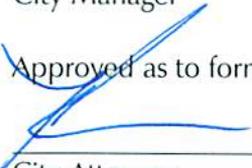
Mayor Benjamin

  
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Mayor

Approved by:

  
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City Manager

Approved as to form:

  
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City Attorney

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

Introduced: 6/18/2013  
Final Reading: 6/18/2013

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