

INTRODUCED: July 23, 2018

AN ORDINANCE No. 2018-207

To designate the 100 block of Larne Avenue in honor of Yvonne Spain.

Patrons – Mr. Agelasto, Ms. Gray, Ms. Trammell, Ms. Robertson and Vice President Newbille

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: SEPT 10 2018 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, Yvonne Spain worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for citizens of the city of Richmond and especially for residents of Southside communities, in the areas of education and professional development, neighborhood improvements, and low-income housing; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to memorialize Yvonne Spain's contributions to the civic well-being of the city of Richmond as an advocate for community service by designating the 100 block of Larne Avenue in her honor; and

WHEREAS, because this designation is honorary only, the provisions of sections 8-7 through 8-10 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended, do not apply to the designation made hereby or to any signs erected pursuant to this ordinance;

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: SEPT 24 2018 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. **Designation of Street Block for Honorary Name.** The 100 block of Larne Avenue shall be designated in honor of Yvonne Spain, pursuant to this ordinance.

§ 2. **Effect of Designation.** The designation of the street block made pursuant to this ordinance shall be honorary only, shall not replace the existing name of the street, and shall have no effect on the address of any property with an address on the designated street block. The sole effect of designation pursuant to this ordinance shall be to authorize the placement of commemorative signs in accordance with this ordinance memorializing the designation in honor of the named person.

§ 3. **Administration of Ordinance.** The Department of Public Works shall implement this ordinance by installing, as soon as practicable after the adoption of this ordinance, and maintaining commemorative signs in accordance with this section. The commemorative signs shall be clearly distinct from the street signs used to identify the street block in question such that a reasonable person could not conclude that the commemorative signs reflect the actual name of the street. The commemorative signs shall be affixed to the street sign for the street designated in section 1 of this ordinance located at each end of the street block designated in section 1 of this ordinance and shall bear the name of the person set forth in section 1 of this ordinance.

§ 4. **Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.



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Ordinance/Resolution Request

TO Allen Jackson, City Attorney

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COPY Parker Agelasto, 5th District Council Member
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DATE July 9, 2018

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TITLE To Request Council Consideration that designates the 100 Block of Larne Ave in Honor of the Late Ms. Yvonne Spain.

This is a request for the drafting of an **Ordinance** **Resolution**

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Councilman Agelasto

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Land use, Housing and Transportation

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

The patron requests a resolution to request Richmond City Council to designate the 100 block of Larne Ave in honor of the late Ms. Yvonne Spain.

BACKGROUND

Yvonne Spain's legacy in the City of Richmond is remembered for the tireless contributions she made to improve the quality of life for the residents of the City—especially for its Southside communities.

Ms. Spain, an accomplished graduate of Maggie L. Walker High School, attended Virginia State College. During her studies, she unselfishly returned home to care for her ill grandmother. Upon improvement in her grandmother's health, Ms. Spain became a dental assistant (for Dr. Ford T. Johnson) and later served as President and Honorary Member of the Virginia Dental Assistants Association and the Old Dominion Dental Assistants Society.

She later applied her early reading comprehension skills to teach writing classes at Open High School. Many of her students cite Ms. Spain's teaching as critical to their high school development.

In addition to teaching, Ms. Spain was recognized as a stalwart citizen in her community. She is credited for writing grant requests to the U.S. Department of

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to secure street curbs in the 100 block of Larne Avenue—which endured years without street curbs. She also assisted in securing a large apartment building on Hull Street for veterans, in addition to leading efforts to build single family homes in the Blackwell area.

This led to years of successful employment with HUD, as she travelled nationally to secure funding for low-income housing in the Richmond areas. She would later work for the City of Richmond as the Employee Trip Coordinator until her health declined.

Her many accomplishments and service to the Richmond area include:

- Leadership Metro Richmond Class of 1990;
- YMCA Outstanding Woman of the Year 2001;
- 1988 Recipient of the Governor's Award for Volunteer Excellence;
- 1989 Nominee for Presidential Volunteer Service;
- Past President of the Virginia Dental Assistants Association;
- Past President of the Old Dominion Dental Assistants Society;
- Chairperson, Advisory Board, Richmond Recreation and Parks Department;
- Board Member, Richmond Better Housing Coalition;
- Chair, Neighborhood Support Richmond Better Housing Coalition

On behalf of the citizens of the Swansboro community, this paper seeks to request the renaming of the 100 block of Larne Ave in honor of the late Ms. Yvonne Spain.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact Yes No

Budget Amendment Required Yes No

Attachment/s Yes No