INTRODUCED: November 13, 2023

AN ORDINANCE No. 2023-334

To designate the 2900 block of Northumberland Avenue in honor of the late Eleanor Redd Binford.

Patron – Ms. Lambert, President Jones, Mr. Addison, Ms. Jordan, Vice President Nye, Ms. Robertson, Ms. Newbille, and Ms. Trammell

Approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: DEC 11 2023 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, Eleanor Redd Binford was born in Fredericksburg, Virginia in 1933 and passed away in Richmond on July 28, 2023; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, Eleanor Redd Binford, as a high school student in Fredericksburg, was among 27 seniors at Walker-Grant High School who led one of the first civil rights protests, in that community and Virginia, to decry the decision of the city's Dorothy Hart Community Center to block the Class of 1950 from holding their graduation ceremony there on the basis of race, a protest that was saluted many years later in Fredericksburg by the placement of a panel in front of the center, still in use today; and

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WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, Eleanor Redd Binford graduated from Virginia Union University in 1958, and began a teaching career in Richmond, during which she later earned a master's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, Eleanor Redd Binford taught in Richmond Public Schools, including Albert V. Norrell Elementary School, John B. Cary (now Lois Harrison-Jones) Elementary School, and Bellevue Elementary School, where she not only taught academics for 35 years but also the importance of dignity, decorum, poise, gentility, and manners, for which she became so successful that she was named on Ebony magazine's list of America's best Black teachers; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, Eleanor Redd Binford was active in many Virginia Union University alumni groups, including the Panther 100 club and various national organizations for graduates as well as being a member of the Upsilon Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and

WHEREAS, the City desires to memorialize the life of Eleanor Redd Binford for her contributions to the educational and civic life of the city of Richmond by designating the 2900 block of Northumberland 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 (2020), as amended, do not apply to the designation made hereby or to any signs erected pursuant to this ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. **Designation of Street Block for Honorary Name.** The 2900 block of Northumberland Avenue shall be designated in honor of Eleanor Redd Binford, pursuant to this ordinance.

§ 2. Effect of Designation. The designation of the portion of the street 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 blocks. 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 portion of the street in question such that a reasonable person could not conclude that the commemorative signs reflect the actual name of the street. The commemorative signs (i) shall be affixed to a sign pole installed at each end of the portion of the street designated in section 1 of this ordinance for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of this section or to any existing sign identifying the portion of the street designated in section 1 of this ordinance located at each end of the portion of the street designated in section 1 of this ordinance and (ii) 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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City Clerk





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Ordinance/Resolution Request

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THROUGH	LaTesha Holmes, Council Chief of Staff			
FROM	Steven Taylor, Council Policy Analyst			
СОРҮ	Ann-Frances Lambert, 3rd District Council Member Kiya Stokes, 3rd District Liaison Tabrica Rentz, Deputy City Attorney			
DATE	September 28, 2023			
PAGE/s	1 of 2			
TITLE	Honorary Street/Block Naming for the late Mrs. Eleanor R. Binford, 2900 th block Northumberland Ave			
This is a request f	or the drafting of an Ordinance Resolution			
REQUESTING COU	NCILMEMBER/PATRON SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE			
Ann-Frances La	Immediate Land Use Housing & Transportation			
	PLUTION SUMMARY lest that legislation be drafted designating the 2900 th block of			

Northumberland Ave in honor of the late Mrs. Eleanor R. Binford.

BACKGROUND

Mrs. Binford died at the age of 90 this year. She was beloved as an elementary school teacher for some 35 years in Richmond Public Schools. She began teaching in 1958 after graduating from Virginia Union University. She earned her master's degree from VCU.

Mrs. Binford was honored recently, before her passing, along with some of her high school graduating classmates of 1950 in Fredericksburg for their protest of the segregation era attempts to prevent the students' use of a community center for their commencement because they were black Americans. The City of Fredericksburg honored Mrs. Binford and her fellow protesting students recently when they unveiled a panel listing the names of the protesting students at the community center.

Mrs. Binford was an active alumnus of VUU and active in a group of fellow AKA Sorority sisters who operated a support group for young mothers.

The patron has received notice that the Edgehill Chamberlayne Court Civic Association has voted to support this effort.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact	Yes 🗌 No 🖂			
Budget Amendment Required	Yes 🗌 No 🖂			
Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact	\$ N/A			
Note: Costs of signage are usually covered from DPW operating funds.				

Attachment/s Yes 🗌 No 🔀