

Awards/Recognitions Ceremony Docket

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Awards & Proclamations on behalf of the institution of Richmond City Council

Richmond City Council Officially Awards/Proclaims the following:

| # | TITLE/RECIPIENT/SPEAKER | TYPE | SUMMARY/NARRATIVE | MAIN PRESENTER |
|---|--|--|--|-----------------|
| 1 | <p>Bettie Elizabeth Boyers Cooper</p> <p>To be received by: Jane Cooper Johnson and Family and Friends of Elizabeth Boyers Cooper</p> | <p>Richmond City Council and Mayor Levar M. Stoney</p> <p>Richmond Joint Recognition Award</p> | <p>To recognize, honor, and celebrate Bettie Elizabeth Boyers Cooper for her trailblazing role in helping to integrate Richmond City Public Schools, Westhampton Junior High School and Thomas Jefferson High School and laud her, her daughter, and this important chapter in the advancement of our city's progressive narrative arc for all its residents.</p> | LAMBERT MAYOR |
| 2 | <p>Richmond Stroke Smart City</p> <p>To be received by: Virginia Commonwealth University Health and Virginia Department of Health</p> | <p>Richmond City Council and Mayor Levar M. Stoney</p> <p>Richmond Official Joint Proclamation</p> | <p>To proclaim our city to be known as a Richmond Stroke Smart City, in perpetuity, and thank all those working on behalf of the health of all Richmond residents in helping make our city an even healthier and happier place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, and enjoy family.</p> <p>And, in special recognition, appreciation, and praise of the tremendous leadership role that Virginia Commonwealth University Health has provided on behalf of Stroke Smart awareness in the Richmond community.</p> | PRESIDENT MAYOR |
| 3 | <p>Hillside Court Playground+ Rehabilitation Project Team</p> <p>To be received by: Hillside Court Playground+ Rehabilitation Project Team</p> | <p>Richmond City Council Recognition Award</p> | <p>To recognize, honor, and celebrate the Hillside Court Playground+ Rehabilitation Project Team for its work that is helping to transform a community.</p> | ROBERTSON |



RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR LEVAR M. STONEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA - CITY OF RICHMOND

RICHMOND OFFICIAL JOINT RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested in the United States of America, Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Code of Laws, and the Richmond City Charter: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor of Richmond, and Richmond City Council, the governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby and officially recognize:

Bettie Elizabeth Boyers Cooper

Whereas, The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor of Richmond, and Richmond City Council, the governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby unite in common purpose to recognize, honor, and celebrate Bettie Elizabeth Boyers Cooper for her courage and her tremendous trailblazing role in the advancement of civil rights on behalf of our beloved city; and

Whereas, Paving the way for progress, in 1958, Bettie Elizabeth Boyers Cooper, the devoted mother of Jane Cooper Johnson (then Daisy Jane Cooper) filed a lawsuit, prepared by civil rights lawyer Oliver W. Hill Sr., for her daughter to be transferred from the then all-black Richmond City Public Schools George Washington Carver Elementary School to the then all-white Richmond City Public Schools Westhampton Elementary School, which ran through eighth grade; and

Whereas, Ultimately successful in the U.S. Federal District Court, resulting in the U.S. Desegregation Court Order, opened the schoolhouse doors for Ms. Cooper to enroll her daughter in the eighth grade at Richmond City Public Schools Westhampton Junior High School in September of 1961; and

Whereas, The following year, Ms. Cooper's daughter advanced to ninth grade and began attending Richmond City Public Schools Thomas Jefferson High School, becoming a member of the Graduating Class of 1966; and

Whereas, Setting an historic precedent, Ms. Cooper is recognized for her courage, commitment, and fortitude for her actions and role in furthering civil rights on behalf of all African Americans by ensuring her daughter's equal rights, which resulted in her being the first person of African American descent to racially integrate Richmond City Public Schools, Westhampton Junior High School and Thomas Jefferson High School;

Now, Therefore, Richmond City Council and Mayor Levar M. Stoney recognize, honor, and celebrate Bettie Elizabeth Boyers Cooper for her trailblazing role in helping to integrate Richmond City Public Schools, Westhampton Junior High School and Thomas Jefferson High School and lauds her, her daughter, and this important chapter in the advancement of our city's progressive narrative arc for all its residents.

In witness whereof, this pronouncement was respectfully prepared and hereunto established for official Richmond City Council effectuation on behalf of the residents of Richmond on the twenty-third day of January, two thousand twenty-three, in the two hundred eighty-sixth year of the City of Richmond, founded in 1737, the two hundred forty-seventh year of the Commonwealth of Virginia, established in 1776, and the United States of America.

The Honorable Michael J. Jones
Council President, Richmond City Council
Councilmember, Richmond South Central 9th Voter District

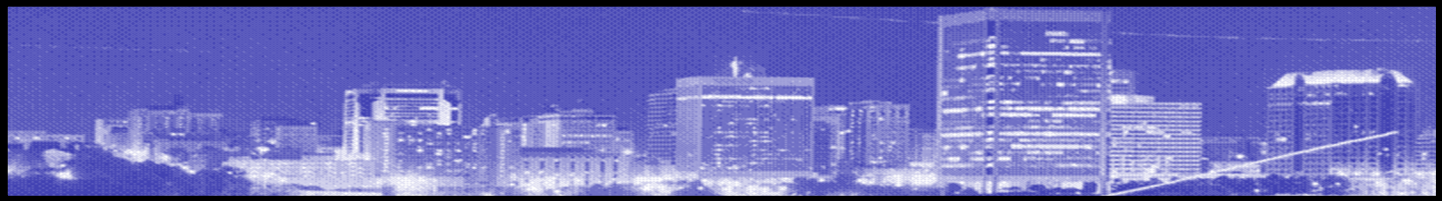


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The Honorable Kristen M. Nye
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Richmond Stroke Smart City

Whereas, The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor of Richmond, and Richmond City Council, the governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby unite in common purpose to affirm health and safety of all Richmond residents to be critical to the well-being and ongoing success of our thriving community; and

Whereas, A Stroke, also known as a brain attack, is a critical medical issue that occurs when a blood vessel in the brain bursts or when something blocks or cuts off the blood supply to a part of the brain, which results in parts of the brain die or becoming damaged; and

Whereas, Strokes can result in long-term disability, brain damage, and death and it is estimated that one in six people will suffer from a stroke sometime during their lifetime; and

Whereas, Strokes, while most common in older adults, affect people of all ages and are the number one cause of permanent long-term disability in the U.S. and a leading cause of death; and

Whereas, Early Stroke detection and intervention are critical, as life-saving treatments must be administered within 3-4 hours once symptoms begin; and

Whereas, Only a small percentage of Stroke patients get to a hospital within the required treatment window because most people don't know how to spot a Stroke or the importance of calling 911 immediately; and

Whereas, In 2021, the Virginia Stroke Systems Taskforce, supported by the Virginia Department of Health, adopted *Stroke Smart Virginia* as a statewide initiative to help raise awareness of the signs of a Stroke and the required life-saving actions needed to be performed to ensure a person having a Stroke receives the quickest and best possible care; and

Whereas, In support of this initiative, all Richmond community safety-focused entities such as clinics, hospitals, physicians' medical practices, health, pharmacies, fire, EMS, public safety, social services, and senior organizations, as well as businesses, civic organizations, senior communities, faith-based organizations, and residents, are invited and encouraged to participate in the *Stroke Smart Virginia* campaign to help increase Stroke recognition and literacy through their associated communities; and in the hopes of raising awareness of the signs of a stroke and the life-saving measures that must be performed to ensure stroke victims receive the quickest and best possible care; and

Whereas, In special recognition, appreciation, and praise of the tremendous leadership role that Virginia Commonwealth University Health has provided on behalf of Stroke Smart awareness in the Richmond community, Richmond City Council and Mayor Levar M. Stoney thank its doctors, staff, administrators, community partners, and supporters for their efforts on behalf of this initiative; and

Now, Therefore, Richmond City Council and Mayor Levar M. Stoney do hereby proclaim our city to be known as a **Richmond Stroke Smart City**, in perpetuity, and thank all those working on behalf of the health of all Richmond residents in helping make our city an even healthier and happier place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, and enjoy family.

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Richmond City Council

The Voice of the People

Richmond, Virginia

RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL RECOGNITION AWARD

By virtue of the authority vested in the United States of America, Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Code of Laws, and the Richmond City Charter, Richmond City Council, the governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby and officially recognize:

Hillside Court Playground+ Rehabilitation Project Team

Richmond City Council, the governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby recognize, honor, and celebrate the Hillside Court Playground+ Rehabilitation Project Team for its work on behalf of families of the Richmond Redevelopment & Housing Authority Hillside Court Community, located in the Richmond Gateway 6th Voter District.

Reimagining and creating a transformative placemaking community space dedicated to children, families, and neighbors, the Hillside Court Playground+ Rehabilitation Project Team is an “all hands on deck” public and community work in progress that includes funding from Richmond city government and the Richmond Redevelopment & Housing Authority, and a significant amount of donated time, time, talent, treasure, expertise, services, materials, and volunteer work from individuals, entities, and nonprofits.

In recognition of its work over the past number of years, the Hillside Court Playground+ Rehabilitation Project Team was recently recognized for excellence in neighborhood revitalization by the Historic Richmond and Storefront for Community Design for two of its 2022 Golden Hammer Awards: Best Placemaking and Urban Design, and Teen Choice Award.

Key drivers of this important neighborhood effort include **Nick Cooper, Hanbury, Citizen HKS, VHB, Fall Line, and more than 50 residents and community volunteers** that are leading the design, engineering, landscape, fundraising, and support of this project.

Now, Therefore, Richmond City Council does hereby recognize, honor, and celebrate the Hillside Court Playground+ Rehabilitation Project Team for its work that is helping to transform a community and make Richmond an even better place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, and enjoy family.

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