

INTRODUCED: February 12, 2018

AN ORDINANCE No. 2018-036

To designate the 2700 block of East Grace Street in honor of Oliver R. H. Singleton.

Patrons – Ms. Robertson and Vice President Newbille

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: FEB 26 2018 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, until his death in 2016, Oliver R. H. Singleton served as the president and chief executive officer of The Metropolitan Business League of Richmond, Virginia, and as a member of the executive committee of Venture Richmond, Inc.; and,

WHEREAS, through his tireless efforts with these organizations, Oliver R. H. Singleton played a critical role in providing more opportunities for minority-owned and small businesses as well as in promoting downtown economic development in the city of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to memorialize Oliver R. H. Singleton's contributions to the civic well-being of the city of Richmond as an advocate for minority-owned and small business development by designating the 2700 block of East Grace Street in his honor; and

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: FEB 26 2018 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

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;

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. **Designation of Street Block for Honorary Name.** The 2700 block of East Grace Street shall be designated in honor of Oliver R. H. Singleton, 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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Office of the Council Chief of Staff

Ordinance/Resolution Request

TO Allen Jackson, City Attorney

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DATE January 30, 2018

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TITLE Honorary Designation of the 2700th block of E Grace Street in honor of the late Oliver R. H. Singleton

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

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

E. Robertson

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Land Use, Housing & Transportation

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

The City makes designations of City blocks in honor of persons who have contributed to the Richmond's civic well-being. The patron requests that legislation be drafted for Council's consideration that designates the 2700th block of Grace Street in honor of the late Oliver R.H. Singleton.

BACKGROUND

Oliver Singleton was best known in the City for his leadership of the Metropolitan Business League and as a Board member of Venture Richmond. The Metropolitan Business League is a non-profit that works to assist in the development of minority businesses. Mr. Singleton was president of the organization for 13 years. Venture Richmond promotes economic development of downtown Richmond.

After his graduation from the University of Virginia Mr. Singleton moved to Richmond where he worked for the Medical College of Virginia, and Merrill Lynch as a stockbroker. He also served on several business, community and civic boards and in several governmental positions.

Mr. Singleton served as Chief Deputy Director of the Virginia Department of Minority

Business Enterprise under Governors Gilmore and Warner. He served on Richmond's City Council to fill the seat vacated by former Mayor Henry Marsh when Mr. Marsh was elected to the Virginia Senate. Additionally, Mr. Singleton served as Chairman of the Board of the RRHA for several years and as its Chairman. Mr. Singleton also served on the Richmond Convention and Visitors Bureau's Executives Roundtable, the Richmond Ambulance Authority Board, Board of the Richmond Retirement System, as a Trustee of the Virginia State University, and as a Director of Sportsbackers.

Mr. Singleton's business accomplishments include service in the financial services industry as Sr. VP for Wall Street Investment Corporation, a VP position with Smith Barney & Co, and stints as VP and Branch Manager for Thompson McKinnon Securities and a Branch Manager for Prudential Securities. Mr. Singleton was once a Principal in Navy Hill Associates, a lobbying firm.

Mr. Singleton was born in Norfolk, Virginia and passed away, in Richmond, during, the Spring of 2016.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact Yes No

Budget Amendment Required Yes No

Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact \$ N/A

Note: Costs of signage erecting these honors are absorbed in the regular operations of the Department of Public Works.

Attachment/s Yes No