

INTRODUCED: June 14, 2021

AN ORDINANCE No. 2021-166

To designate the first block at the intersection of West Charity Street and St. John Street in honor of the late Lucy Goode Brooks.

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Patrons – All Members of Council

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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney  
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PUBLIC HEARING: JUN 28 2021 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of Council, Lucy Goode Brooks was born enslaved on September 13, 1818, in the city of Richmond area; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of Council, after the American Civil War, Lucy Goode Brooks worked to protect orphaned children and was a founder of the Friends' Asylum for Colored Orphans in 1871, which operated as an orphanage until 1932 when it became a child placement agency; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of Council, today the successor organization to the Friends' Asylum for Colored Orphans operates as a child development center called Friends Association for Children; and

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ADOPTED:      JUN 28 2021      REJECTED: \_\_\_\_\_      STRICKEN: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of Council, Lucy Goode Brooks, an original member of First African Baptist Church, passed away on October 7, 1900, and is buried at Barton Heights Cemetery in the city of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to memorialize Lucy Goode Brooks' service to the children of the city by designating the first block at the intersection of West Charity Street and St. John Street in her honor as "Lucy Goode Brooks Square;" 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 first block at the intersection of West Charity Street and St. John Street shall be designated in honor of Lucy Goode Brooks as "Lucy Goode Brooks Square," pursuant to this ordinance.

§ 2. **Effect of Designation.** The designation of the intersection at the 00 block of East Charity Street made pursuant to this ordinance shall be honorary only, shall not replace the existing name of the road, and shall have no effect on the address of any property with an address on the designated road. 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.

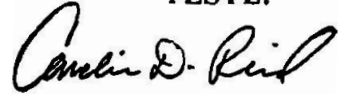
§ 3. **Administration of Ordinance.** The Department of Public Works shall implement this ordinance by installing, as soon as practicable after the adoption of this ordinance, and maintaining commemorative signs in accordance with this section. The commemorative signs

shall be clearly distinct from the street signs used to identify the road in question such that a reasonable person could not conclude that the commemorative signs reflect the actual name of the road. The commemorative signs shall be affixed to any sign identifying the block designated in section 1 of this ordinance located at each end of the block designated in section 1 of this ordinance and shall bear the name “Lucy Goode Brooks Square,” set forth in section 1 of this ordinance.

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

**A TRUE COPY:**

**TESTE:**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carlin D. Reed". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

**City Clerk**



# Richmond City Council

The Voice of the People

Richmond, Virginia

## Office of the Council Chief of Staff

### Ordinance/Resolution Request

**TO** Haskell Brown, Interim City Attorney

**THROUGH** Joyce Davis, Interim Council Chief of Staff

**FROM** Steven Taylor, Council Policy Analyst

**COPY** Katherine Jordan, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Council Member  
Sven Philipsen, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Liaison  
Tabrica Rentz, Interim Deputy City Attorney

**DATE** June 3, 2021

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**TITLE** Honorary Designation of a street feature/block in honor of Lucy Goode Brooks.

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

**REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON**

Jordan

**SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE**

Land Use, Housing & Transportation

**ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY**

The patron request that legislation be drafted for Council’s consideration that designates the intersection at Charity Street and St. John Street, as *Lucy Goode Brooks Square*, in honor of Lucy Goode Brooks.

**BACKGROUND**

The City has made honorary street and block designations in honor notable persons in Richmond’s history such as Lucy Goode Brooks.

Lucy Goode Brooks into slavery on September 13, 1818, in the Richmond, Virginia. After the Civil War, she worked to protect orphaned children and was a founder of the Friends' Asylum for Colored Orphans in 1871, which operated as an orphanage until 1932, when it became a child placement agency. Today, its successor organization operates as a child development center called Friends Association for Children.

Mrs. Brooks was also an original member of First African Baptist Church. She died on October 7, 1900 and is buried at Barton Heights Cemetery (formerly known as Union Mechanics Cemetery).

Information provided by the JXN Project.

**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