

INTRODUCED: June 14, 2021

AN ORDINANCE No. 2021-172

To designate the 200 block of East Clay Street in honor of the late Giles B. Jackson.

Patrons – All Members of Council

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: JUN 28 2021 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of Council, Giles B. Jackson was born enslaved on September 10, 1853, died on August 13, 1924, and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery in the city of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of Council, Giles B. Jackson is known for many accomplishments and honors including being the first Black attorney licensed to practice law before the Virginia Supreme Court in 1897; being appointed as vice-president of the National Negro Business League by Booker T. Washington in 1900; being commissioned honorary colonel in the Third Civic Division, a Black cavalry unit, by Theodore Roosevelt; forming the Negro Development and Exposition Company of the United States of America, which organized the Negro Building at the Jamestown Ter-Centennial Exposition in 1907; publishing the *Industrial*

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History of the Negro Race of the United States; and being appointed as chief of the Negro Division of the United States Employment Service; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to memorialize Giles B. Jackson's accomplishments by designating the 200 block of East Clay Street in his honor as "Giles B. Jackson Walk;" 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:

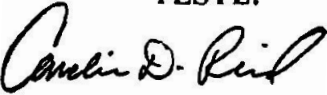
§ 1. **Designation of Street Block for Honorary Name.** The 200 block of East Clay Street shall be designated in honor of Giles B. Jackson as "Giles B. Jackson Walk," pursuant to this ordinance.

§ 2. **Effect of Designation.** The designation of the 200 block of East Clay 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 (i) shall be affixed to a sign pole installed at each end of the block designated in section 1 of this ordinance for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of this section or to any existing 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 (ii) shall bear the name “Giles B. Jackson Walk,” as 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:

City Clerk



Richmond City Council

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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, 2nd District Council Member
Sven Philipsen, 2nd District Liaison
Tabrica Rentz, Interim Deputy City Attorney

DATE May 12, 2021

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TITLE Honorary Designation of a block in honor of Giles B. Jackson

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 a blocks of Clay Street from its intersection with Second Street to its intersection with Third Street, in honor of Giles B. Jackson, as *Giles B. Jackson Walk*, using two signs.

BACKGROUND

The City has made designations of City blocks in honor notable persons in Richmond's history such as Giles B. Jackson. Giles is known as the first Black attorney licensed to practice law before the Virginia Supreme Court in 1897.

Other notable accomplishments of Giles include the following:

- appointed as vice-president of the National Negro Business League by Booker T. Washington in 1900;
- commissioned honorary colonel in the 3rd Civic Division, a black cavalry unit by Theodore Roosevelt;
- formed the Negro Development and Exposition Company of the United States of America, which organized the Negro Building at the Jamestown Tri-Centennial Exposition in 1907;
- published the Industrial History of the Negro Race of the United States; and
- appointed as chief of the Negro Division of the US Employment Service.

Giles was born in slavery on September 10, 1853 and died on August 13, 1924. He is buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

The biographical information given above is 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