

INTRODUCED: June 26, 2023

AN ORDINANCE No. 2023-194

To designate the 1700 block of Porter Street in honor of the late Dr. Ruth Moore.

Patron – Mrs. Lynch

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: JUL 24 2023 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, Dr. Ruth Moore served in the ministry for more than 60 years, including as the co-founder of Tower of Deliverance Ministries, pastor of Faith, Hope and Victory Church in Ashland, Virginia, and host of the radio program, “Faith, Hope and Victory with Evangelist Ruth Moore;” and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, Dr. Ruth Moore attended Selenia Commercial College in Lumberton, North Carolina, Columbia University in New York City, Virginia Union University School of Theology, Virginia Theological Seminary, Shiloh Theological Seminary, and Light University, and earned a Doctorate of Divinity and Master’s degree in Biblical counseling and degrees and certificates in pastoral care, crisis counseling, and AIDS and HIV counseling; and

AYES: 7 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: JUL 24 2023 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, Dr. Ruth Moore served in various state and national positions as a member of the Church of God in Christ and ministered to the spiritual life of women; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to memorialize the life of Dr. Ruth Moore for her contributions to the religious and spiritual life of the city of Richmond by designating the 1700 block of Porter Street 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 1700 block of Porter Street shall be designated in honor of Dr. Ruth Moore 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.

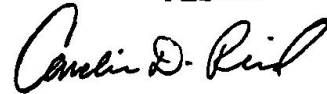
§ 3. **Administration of Ordinance.** The Department of Public Works shall implement this ordinance by installing, as soon as practicable after the adoption of this ordinance, and maintaining commemorative signs in accordance with this section. The commemorative signs shall be clearly distinct from the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

A TRUE COPY:

TESTE:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carlin D. Reed". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carlin" being more prominent.

City Clerk



Richmond City Council

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Richmond, Virginia

Office of the Council Chief of Staff

Ordinance/Resolution Request

TO Laura Drewry, City Attorney

THROUGH LaTasha Holmes, Council Chief of Staff

FROM Steven Taylor, Council Policy Analyst

COPY Stephanie Lynch, 5th District Council Member
Amy Robins, 5th District Liaison
Tabrica Rentz, Deputy City Attorney

DATE June 15, 2023

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TITLE Honorary Block Naming – Honoring the late Dr. Ruth Moore

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

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

S. Lynch

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

LUHT Committee

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Block naming designation honoring the late Dr Ruth Moore at the 1700th block of Porter Street.

BACKGROUND

The late, Dr. Ruth Moore was co-founder of Tower Deliverance Ministries and Pastor/Administrator of Faith, Hope & Victory Church in Ashland. Dr. Moore also hosted Ministry of Faith, Hope & Victory with Evangelist Ruth Moore radio program.

Dr. Moore was the widow of James L. Moore, Sr and mother of two. She was born in N.C. and educated at Selina Commercial College, Columbia University, Virginia Union University, Shiloh Theological Seminary, and Light University Online.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact Yes ☐ No ☒

Budget Amendment Required Yes ☐ No ☒

Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact \$ N/A

Note: Generally, cost of signage is paid from DPW's operating budget.

Attachment/s Yes ☒ No ☐

The Life and Legacy of Dr. Ruth I.G. Moore

Dr. Ruth I. G. Moore was born on December 6, 1935, in Bolton, North Carolina as Ruth Iris Graham to Rosetta and Eddie Graham. The fourth of eight children, she attended grade school in North Carolina and graduated high school in New York City where she relocated with her family.

She married the love of her life, James Lewis Moore, Sr., on January 2, 1956. God blessed this union with two children, LaVirsa Michelle Moore and James Lewis Moore, II.

She pursued higher education at Selenia Commercial College in Lumberton, North Carolina, and Columbia University in New York City. She later finished studies at Virginia Union University's School of Theology, Virginia Theological Seminary, Shiloh Theological Seminary and Light University Online. Her degrees include Doctor of Divinity and Master's in Biblical Counseling. She holds certificates in Pastoral Care, Public Speaking, Crisis Counseling, AIDS & HIV Counseling, and several others. Over the years, her education, training, and anointing afforded her many Ministry opportunities. As a member of the Church of God in Christ, she served in several positions on the District, State and National levels including District Missionary, Executive Secretary to the State Bishop, Executive Secretary for the Missionary Licensing Board, Assistant Financial Secretary and State Representative for the National Women's Convention. Dr. Moore also served as Women's Department Coordinator for the E.C. Cannon Crusade Worldwide Ministry.

As Co-Founder of Tower of Deliverance Ministries, Inc, (with churches throughout Central Virginia) she held several administrative positions and served as Vice President. In the late 1980's, Dr. Moore accepted the call to "Preach the Gospel". She traveled in evangelism conducting spirit filled revivals with many souls being saved and delivered. It was during this time that the Ministry of Faith, Hope & Victory with Evangelist Ruth I.G. Moore, was heard on six radio stations throughout Virginia, and other southeastern states.

On three separate occasions, Dr. Moore was given notice by medical experts that her time on earth was limited, but through faith in God and His healing power, God healed and extended her life. Dr. Moore began a Mission Ministry in Ashland, VA. On August 1, 1993, she was officially ordained as an Elder and installed as Pastor/Administrator of Faith, Hope & Victory Community Church in Ashland, VA.

In the position of Pastor, Dr. Moore totally committed to her charge to "Minister to the Whole Man". Not only in WORD but also in DEED. Since the beginning of Faith, Hope & Victory Ministry, she led the congregation to reach city wide recognition as the Community Church. The Outreach Ministry served to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and bring hope to the hopeless. In addition to feeding hundreds of children and families throughout the year, the programming included after school homework assistance and mentoring.

"Whatever You Need God Will Provide"

The Life and Legacy of Dr. Ruth I.G. Moore

In April 2014, due to declining health, Apostle James L. Moore, Sr. retired as Pastor of Tower of Deliverance Church. Under the leadership of Dr. Moore both churches Tower of Deliverance and Faith, Hope, and Victory merged together. She named the new church Tower Ministries Church. Dr. Ruth I.G. Moore was consecrated as Senior Pastor on April 4, 2014.

Dr. Moore served in ministry for more than sixty years throughout Virginia and the southeast. She is most widely known for her ability and anointing to train women. She teaches women the importance of having an effective prayer life, faith in God and love for their families. Winning Souls to Christ and Developing Christian Character was her goal. Pastor Ruth, as she is affectionately called, offered an open heart and open arms to the lonely, the needy, the discouraged and despondent. To all who came for guidance and directions, she would say "Whatever you need, God will provide".

Dr. Ruth I.G. Moore has been called from labor to reward. We honor this legend in God's Church. With the many seeds she has planted during her life, the legacy of Dr. Moore will forever live on.

She leaves to carry on her legacy her daughter: Elder LaVirsa Moore, Richmond, VA, Son: Bishop James L. Moore, II (Najah), Fredericksburg, VA, her spiritual son: Bishop J. Daniel Henderson, Sr. (Doris), Fredericksburg, VA. Her Grandchildren: _James L. Moore, III, of Memphis, TN, JaDia L. Slade (Demetrius), JaMaris L. Moore, Rocky Mount, NC, Craig Patterson, Jr. (Luz), Jahi Patterson (Ebony), Henrico, VA, Neesha Patterson, Amari & Brielle Williams, Fredericksburg, VA, Danielle Morton (Darryl), Ashley Johnson (Travis), Joe Henderson, Jr., and Benjamin Henderson (Sierra). Great Grandchildren: JaMont & Jamya Moore, Durham, NC, Kaylen, Kacey & Frank III (Trin) Bateman, Elsmere, DE, Leah Moore & Levi Bennett, Rocky Mount, NC, David Henderson, Justin Freeman, Jeremiah Morton, Lillian, Laila, & Lewis Johnson, and Brielle Henderson, Fredericksburg, VA. Two brothers: Carl J. Graham (Peggy), Bronx, NY and Eddie Graham (Deborah), Leland, NC; two sisters: Barbara Coleman, Norfolk, VA and Cora Lyons, Richmond, VA, sisters-in-law Mazalee Graham and Carol Graham. Three Godchildren; several nieces, nephews, cousins, many spiritual sons and daughters; and a host of extended family members and friends.

She was predeceased in death by her husband: Apostle James L. Moore, parents: Rosetta and Eddie Graham, brothers: Jessie F. and Willie Graham; sister: Evanger (Mae) Graham.

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