

INTRODUCED: June 14, 2021

AN ORDINANCE No. 2021-168

To designate the 500 block of North 2nd Street in honor of the late Neverett Eggleston.

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, Neverett Eggleston was born on September 14, 1898, in Henrico County, Virginia, and later worked as a chef at the Lakeside Country Club and at a restaurant he opened in Jackson Ward called the Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of Council, Neverett Eggleston most notably managed Miller's Hotel and later purchased the building and renamed it Hotel Eggleston, which was listed in the 1947 edition of *The Negro Motorist Green Book* during the segregation era; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of Council, Neverett Eggleston passed away on December 5, 1996, and is buried at Saint John Baptist Church in the city of Richmond; and

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN:

ADOPTED: JUN 28 2021 REJECTED: STRICKEN:

WHEREAS, the City desires to memorialize Neverett Eggleston's many accomplishments and contributions to community life in the city by designating the 500 block of North 2nd Street in his honor as "Neverett Eggleston Plaza;" 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 500 block of North 2nd Street shall be designated in honor of Neverett Eggleston as "Neverett Eggleston Plaza," pursuant to this ordinance.

§ 2. **Effect of Designation.** The designation of the 500 block of North 2nd 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.

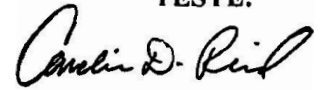
§ 3. **Administration of Ordinance.** The Department of Public Works shall implement this ordinance by installing, as soon as practicable after the adoption of this ordinance, and maintaining commemorative signs in accordance with this section. The commemorative signs shall be clearly distinct from the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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amber D. Reed".

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 14, 2021

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TITLE Honorary Designation of a block in honoring of Neverett Eggleston

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 portion of Second Street from its intersection with Leigh Street to its intersection with Clay Street, in honor of Neverett Eggleston, as *Neverett Eggleston Plaza*, with two signs.

BACKGROUND

Most notably Mr. Eggleston purchased the Miller's Hotel, which he managed. As owner, he renamed it the Hotel Eggleston. The hotel was listed in the 1947 edition of *The Negro Motorist Green Book* during the segregation era. Earlier he worked as a chef at the Lakeside Country Club. Later, he opened a restaurant called the Lafayette in Jackson Ward.

Neverett Eggleston was born on September 14, 1898 in Henrico County and passed on December 5, 1996. Mr. Eggleston is buried at Saint John Baptist Church in the City.

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 ☒