



City of Richmond

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Legislation Text

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To designate the 4300 block of Corbin Street in honor of Juliette Stephens Hamilton.

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, Juliette Stephens Hamilton is 104 years old and was born on March 25, 1918, in a house still standing at the corner of Brook Road and Wilmer Avenue in Henrico County; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, as a child, Juliette Stephens Hamilton was a member of Maggie Lena Walker's penny savings group for children and a faithful member of the Second Baptist Church, before growing into adulthood and marrying Alcus Hamilton in 1942 during his military deployment in World War II; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, Juliette Stephens Hamilton graduated from Armstrong High School in 1936 and attended college at Virginia Union University from 1936 to 1937 and Virginia State College for Negroes, now Virginia State University, from 1937 to 1938, with a major in elementary education, and after a number of years, enrolled in the licensed practical nurse program in 1961, graduating in 1962 in the top five of her class; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, Juliette Stephens Hamilton worked as a nurse's aide at Richmond Memorial Hospital from 1955 to 1961, a school crossing guard with the City of Richmond, Department of Police, from 1955 to 1961, and as an licensed practical nurse from 1962 to 1982; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, upon retirement, Juliette Stephens Hamilton was an active volunteer in various organizations, especially those advocating for children and the elderly, including as a member of the American Association of Retired Persons, the Washington Park Civic League, Second Baptist Church, and the TRIAD senior citizen's police academy; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to memorialize the life of Juliette Stephens Hamilton for her contributions to the civic life of the city of Richmond by designating the 4300 block of Corbin 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 Names.** The 4300 block of Corbin Street shall be designated in honor of Juliette Stephens Hamilton, 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.