



Legislation Text

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To designate the 2200 block of Bainbridge Street in honor of the late Mrs. Mozelle Willis Minor. (5th District)

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, early in life, Mrs. Mozelle Willis Minor worked as a parachuter at historic Moton Field, home of the Tuskegee Airmen in Tuskegee, Alabama, and later as a chef at the former Tuskegee Institute, now Tuskegee University; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, Mrs. Mozelle Willis Minor later settled in Richmond where she worked at a restaurant on Main Street, at Phillip Morris USA, and as a bus driver for Richmond Public Schools for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, Mrs. Mozelle Willis Minor was active in the community as a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Cook Memorial Choir and Deacon Frank Epps' gospel choir, the Swansboro Civic Association, and the Second Baptist Church in Richmond for 70 years; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, Mrs. Mozelle Willis Minor, through her work and community activities established a large community of family, friends, and neighbors who cherished her for her kindness and generosity; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to memorialize the life of Mrs. Mozelle Willis Minor for her

contributions to the civic life of the city of Richmond by designating the 2200 block of Bainbridge 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 2200 block of Bainbridge Street shall be designated in honor of Mrs. Mozelle Willis Minor 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.