

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
COMMITTEE REPORT**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

DRAFT

TO: All Councilmembers

FROM: Chairman Phil Mendelson
Committee of the Whole

DATE: September 18, 2018

SUBJECT: Report on Bill 22-697, the “Mazie Washington Way Designation Act of 2018”

The Committee of the Whole, to which Bill 22-697, the “Mazie Washington Way Designation Act of 2018” was referred, reports favorably thereon with technical amendments, and recommends approval by the Council.

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I. BACKGROUND AND NEED

On February 5, 2018 Bill 22-697, the “Mazie Washington Way Designation Act of 2018” was introduced by Councilmember Gray to symbolically designate the 4900 block of Nannie Helen Burroughs Avenue, N.E., in Ward 7, as Mazie Washington Way. Typically, a symbolic naming is for ceremonial purposes and shall be in addition to and subordinate to any name that is an official name.

A native Washingtonian, Ms. Mazie Washington Sellers is remembered as a DC area gospel singer and an active community member of Ward 7. Ms. Washington attended DC Public Schools and was “discovered” by her music teacher at Browne Junior High School. While still in high school, Mrs. Washington studied music, voice, and piano at Howard University. Meanwhile, she was active in the choir at First Baptist Church of Deanwood. Ms. Washington went on to be a two-time winner on the Ted Mack Television Show, based out of New York, and was a regular Sunday morning guest on the “Spread a Little Sunshine” Gospel Show hosted by Sunny Jim Kelsey.

Throughout her career Mrs. Washington performed at many churches around the District including Brown Memorial, Contee AME, Sargent Memorial, and Bible Way. She was a member of the Spiritual Echoes of the First Baptist Church of Deanwood and the Tabernacle Echoes of the

Tabernacle Baptist Church, both in Ward 7. Mrs. Washington performed as the lead soloist for the Tabernacle Echos, the first African American gospel group to perform at the Daughters of the American Revolution's Constitution Hall. She also performed at the close of the Poor People's Campaign in Washington in June 19, 1968. Mrs. Washington wrote and performed two recordings including, "Go With Me Jesus" and "Everything Will be Alright."

Additionally, Mrs. Washington was a business woman who dedicated her life to serving the District and the Ward 7 community where she was the President of the Henry S. Washington & Sons Funeral Home for more than two decades. Located on the 4900 block of Nannie Helen Burroughs Avenue, N.E., the Funeral Home is the oldest operating business on that street and continues to serve the community through its services and financial contributions. Notably, the family home that Mrs. Washington was raised at is located on the same 4900 block.

Legal Background

The Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01 *et seq.*) ("Act") establishes procedures for closing streets and alleys, opening new streets and alleys, naming public spaces, and other procedures related to streets and alleys. The Act authorizes the Council to symbolically or officially designate or change the name of any public space in the District of Columbia, including streets and alleys.¹ In October 2016, the Act was amended to create a clear distinction between official and symbolic street and alley namings and to establish distinct processes and requirements for each type of naming.²

An "official name" refers to the legal designation of an alley or a street for mailing address and other purposes,³ whereas a "symbolic name" for a street or alley shall be in addition to and subordinate to any name that is an official name.⁴ An official name of an alley shall contain the suffix "Alley" or "Court."⁵ A symbolic name of a street or alley shall contain only the suffix "Way" or "Plaza."⁶ As established by Bill 22-697, "Mazie Washington Way" is a symbolic street designation for the 4900 block of Nannie Helen Burroughs Avenue N.E. in Ward 7.

The Act also establishes a notice requirement for symbolic designations. Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 9-204.23(b), the ANC in which the symbolic designation is located must be put on notice of the public hearing regarding the proposed naming.⁷ On May 31, 2018 ANC 7C was put on notice by the Committee of the Whole.

Prior to consideration of a designation by the Council, the Mayor shall provide to the Council a surveyor's plat of the alley or street and adjacent properties.⁸ This has been done, and the plat is attached to this report. After the symbolic street or alley designation legislation becomes law and all

¹ See D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01 *et seq.*

² See D.C. Law 21-0161, effective from Oct. 8, 2016, Published in the *DC Register* Vol 63 and Page 12933.

³ D.C. Official Code § 9-201.01(5A).

⁴ D.C. Official Code § 9-204.03a(a).

⁵ D.C. Official Code § 9-204.03(c).

⁶ D.C. Official Code § 9-204.03a(c).

⁷ Notably, D.C. Official Code § 9-204.23(b) does not specify a time requirement as to when an ANC must be put on notice of a public hearing regarding a symbolic designation.

⁸ See D.C. Official Code § 9-204.21(g).

conditions required by the Council and the Act have been satisfied, the District Department of Transportation (“DDOT”) shall install signage indicating the symbolic name of the alley or street, or portion thereof. Additionally, the Surveyor of the District of Columbia shall record a copy of such act and the Surveyor’s plat in the Office of the Surveyor.⁹

Symbolically designating the 4900 block of Nannie Helen Burroughs Avenue, N.E., in Ward 7, as Mazie Washington Way will honor Mazie Washington’s contributions to the District as a gospel performer, business leader, and public servant. Thus, the Committee of the Whole recommends the approval of Bill 22-697, the “Mazie Washington Way Designation Act of 2018.”

II. LEGISLATIVE CHRONOLOGY

February 5, 2018	Bill 22-697, the “Mazie Washington Way Designation Act of 2018” is introduced by Councilmember Gray.
February 16, 2018	Notice of Intent to Act on Bill 22-697 is published in the <i>DC Register</i> .
February 20, 2018	Bill 22-697 is officially referred to the Committee of the Whole.
June 8, 2018	Notice of Public Hearing on Bill 22-697 is published in the <i>DC Register</i> .
July 9, 2018	A Public Hearing is held on Bill 22-697 by the Committee of the Whole.
September 18, 2018	The Committee of the Whole marks up Bill 22-697.

III. POSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE

Dan Emerine, Manager, Policy and Legislative Affairs Division, Office of the Director, District Department of Transportation, testified on behalf of the Executive that it had “no objection” to the symbolic designation pursuant to Bill 22-697. His testimony is summarized below.

IV. COMMENTS OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS

No Advisory Neighborhood Commission provided comments on Bill 22-697.

V. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

The Committee of the Whole held a public hearing on several bills including Bill 22-697 on Monday, July 9, 2018. The testimony summarized below is from that hearing. Copies of written testimony are attached to this report.

⁹ D.C. Official Code § 9-204.24(c).

Bruce C. Sellers, Public Witness, testified in support of Bill 22-697. As the son of Ms. Mazie Washington, Mr. Sellers informed the committee of his mother's life accomplishments as a Washington area gospel artist, as a Ward 7 business woman, and a longtime involved community member of the District.

Dan Emerine, Manager, Policy and Legislative Affairs Division, Office of the Director, District Department of Transportation, testified that the Executive has no objection to Bill 22-697. He stated that DDOT will install signage indicating the designation and stands ready to assist the Council and all other stakeholders with any ceremonial unveiling activities that may materialize.

The Committee received no comments in opposition to Bill 22-697.

VI. IMPACT ON EXISTING LAW

Bill 22-697 has no impact on existing law. D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01¹⁰ authorizes the Council to name any public space. D.C. Official Code § 9-204.03(a) authorizes the Council to designate a symbolic name for an alley "that shall be in addition to and subordinate to any name that is an official name."¹¹ Bill 22-697 symbolically designates the 4900 block of Nannie Helen Burroughs Avenue, N.E., in Ward 7, as "Mazie Washington Way." Additionally, "a symbolic name of a street or alley shall contain only the suffix Way or Plaza," such as the name proposed by Bill 22-697.¹² Lastly, the Act provides that, with limited exception, no public space shall be named in honor of any living person or in honor of any person who has been deceased less than two years.¹³ Mrs. Washington passed away in 2014, four years ago.

VII. FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2018 through fiscal year 2021 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. Because the cost to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is an estimated \$60 per official sign for fabrication and \$110 for installation, the cost of Bill 22-697 can be absorbed, as noted in the Fiscal Impact Statement (attached).

VIII. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

<u>Section 1</u>	States the short title of Bill 22-697.
<u>Section 2</u>	Symbolically designates the 4900 block of Nannie Helen Burroughs Avenue, N.E., in Ward 7, as "Mazie Washington Way."
<u>Section 3</u>	Adopts the Fiscal Impact Statement.

¹⁰ Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201).

¹¹ D.C. Code § 9-204.03(a).

¹² D.C. Code § 9-204.03(c).

¹³ See D.C. Code § 9-204.05.

Section 4 Establishes the effective date by stating the standard 30-day congressional review language.

IX. COMMITTEE ACTION

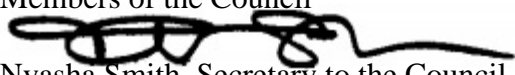
X. ATTACHMENTS

1. Bill 22-697 as introduced
2. Written Testimony
3. Surveyor's Plat
4. Fiscal Impact Statement for Bill 22-697
5. Legal Sufficiency Determination for Bill 22-697
6. Committee Print for Bill 22-697

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington D.C. 20004

Memorandum

To : Members of the Council

From : 
Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

Date : February 09, 2018

Subject : Referral of Proposed Legislation

Notice is given that the attached proposed legislation was introduced in the Office of the Secretary on Monday, February 5, 2018. Copies are available in Room 10, the Legislative Services Division.

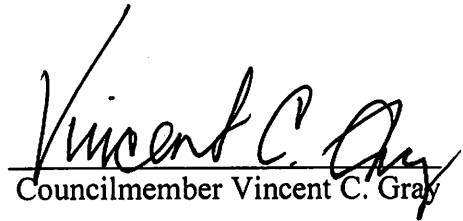
TITLE: "Mazie Washington Way Designation Act of 2018", B22-0697

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Gray

The Chairman is referring this legislation to the Committee of the Whole.

Attachment

cc: General Counsel
Budget Director
Legislative Services


Councilmember Vincent C. Gray

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7 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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12 To symbolically designate the public street on the 4900 block of Nannie Helen Burroughs
13 Avenue N.E., between 49th Place, N.E. and 50th Street, N.E., in Ward 7, as Mazie
14 Washington Way.
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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
17 act may be cited as the “Mazie Washington Way Designation Act of 2018”.

18 Sec. 2. Pursuant to sections 401, 403a and 423 of the Street and Alley Closing and
19 Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official
20 Code § 9-204.01, 9-204.03a, and 9-204.23), the Council symbolically designates the public street
21 on the 4900 block of Nannie Helen Burroughs Avenue N.E., between 49th Place, N.E. and 50th
22 Street, N.E., as “Mazie Washington Way”.

23 Sec. 3. Transmittal.

The Secretary to the Council shall transmit a copy of this act, upon its effective date, to
the Mayor, the District Department of Transportation, and the Office of the Surveyor.

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,

24 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

25 Sec. 5. Effective date.

26 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
27 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
28 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
29 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code §1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
30 Columbia Register.

Purpose: Street sign plaque in honor of Mazie M. Washington

Who was Mazie Washington

Sunrise: June 1, 1929 - Sunset October 20, 2014

Raised at the family home located: 4925 Deane Avenue, N.E., Ward 7, now, Nannie H. Burroughs Avenue, N.E.

Attended

- Burrville Elementary
- Hugh M. BROWN JR High
- Samuel C. Armstrong High and,
- University of the District of Columbia: Major- Mortuary Science

DC area Gospel Artist

At age 15, Mrs. Washington studied music, voice and piano at Howard University under the tutelage of her German teacher, **Dr. Kurt Hetzell, M.D.**

She was a Two time winner on The Ted Mack Television Show, based out of New York, and was a regular Sunday morning guest on the Spread A Little Sunshine Gospel Show, Channel 9, Hosted by Sonny Jim Kelsey.

She was a member of The Spritual Echos of the First Baptist Church of Deanwood, and The Tabernacle Echos of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, both in Ward 7.

Mrs. Washington performed at many churches through-out the DC area, Brown Memorial, First Baptist of Deanwood, Contee AME, Sargant Memorial, and Bibleway

- She was the featured character in the play: **The Truth Will Set You Free**, which was performed at Howard University's Crampton Auditorium. This play was written and directed by: Bernard Maveritte, Music Director, Tabernacle Bap. Church.

- Mrs. Washington was the Lead soloist for the Tabernacle Echos who were the first African American gospel group to perform at DAR's Constitution Hall.
- She volunteered her musical talents at the close of the Poor Peoples campaign/Resurrection City on June 19, 1968
- Wrote and performed two recordings- **Go With Me Jesus** and **Everything Will Be Alright**
- As a Volunteer member of EVOL: LOVE, SPELLED BACKWARDS- Means, EVERY VOLUNTEER AT LOVE, was acknowledged a book named "WHERE GROWN MEN CRY" **Written by: James Slaughter**. They also provided outreach counseling to inmates at the then Lorton Reformatory, and also assisted in refurbishing the prison's chapel. A Proclamation from the Honorable Marion S. Barry and a Resolution from Council Chair Dave Clarke was issued for this organization.

Lastly Mazie Washington is listed as one of a few Historic People to be intern Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

JACQUELINE McCREA, Manager.

Business Women

Her life long career has been to serve the DC and Ward 7 community where she was the President of Henry S. Washington & Sons Funeral Home for more than two decades. This business is the oldest that continues to operate on Nannie H. Borroughs Avenue, N.E. and, one that continues to serve this community through its services and financial contributions.

This business has employed many residence from the community.

As President and through her directions, she has helped many families during their time of bereavement and has assisted numerous families who did not have the resources to pay for funerals for their loved ones during their time of need.

For these reasons it is requested that the Mazie Washington Way street placard be approved.

MAZIE WASHINGTON WAY, N.E.

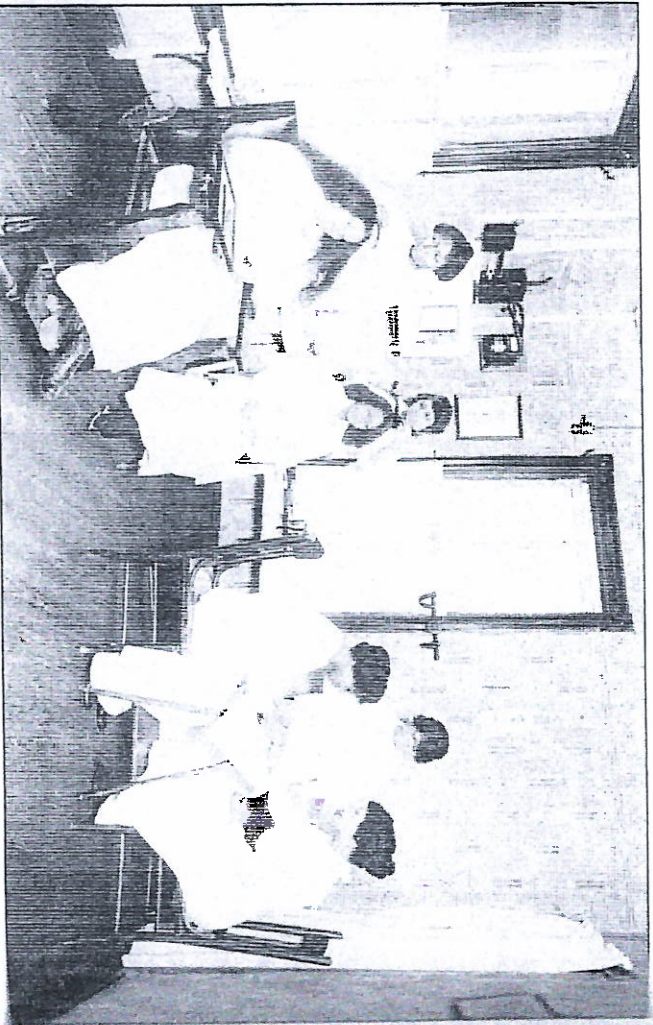
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WASHINGTON, D.C.'S DEANWOOD

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The Deanwood History Committee



COSMETOLOGY CLASS, c. 1910. The school's first motto, "Work, Support Thyself, to Thine & the Powers Appeal," reveals the importance Burroughs's curriculum placed on the development of self-reliance and self-sufficiency. It is not surprising that she chose to locate her school in Deanwood, a community that shared these core values. Here students practice their hairdressing and manicure skills on one another in preparation for becoming cosmetologists. (NHBS.)



REV. HENRY S. WASHINGTON, MID-1930s. Reverend Washington was one of the "Sons of the Church," and an active member of the First Baptist Church of Deanwood. Community records show his family came to Deanwood around 1931. Washington and Sons Funeral Home opened in the 1930s, one of several in the city, and had done business for 11 years by 1941. (NHBS.)

GEORGIA I. WASHINGTON, MID-1930s. Georgia Washington's husband, Henry Washington, opened Washington and Sons Funeral Home at 4925 Deane Avenue (now Nannie Helen Burroughs Avenue) in the 1930s. Upon his death in January 1941, Georgia took over the family business until her death in May 1949. (Madlyn E. Fox.)



WASHINGTON AND SONS FUNERAL HOME, c. 2005. Archives in record books of the city of Deanwood show the community, the Washingtons built an addition to the building in 1939 to the 4925 Deane Avenue location. The building was the family's headquarters for about 10 years before the

SELLERS



MAZIE MARIE WASHINGTON SELLERS

(Age 85)

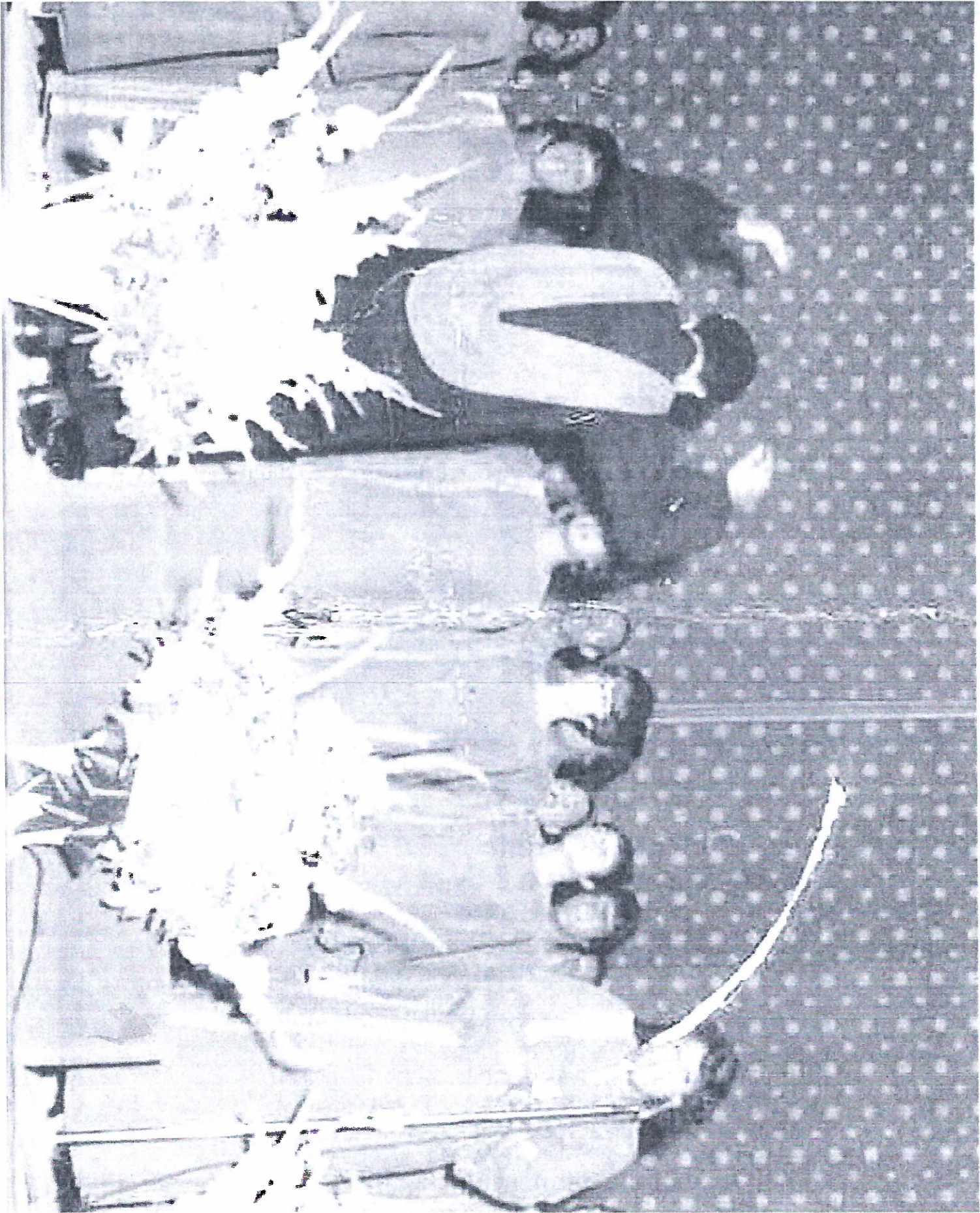
President

Henry S. Washington & Sons Co., Inc.

Funeral Home

and Washington Area Gospel Singer

On Monday, October 20, 2014. Beloved mother of Conchita M. and Bruce C. Sellers. Also survived by a host of other relatives and friends. Visitation Saturday, November 1, 2014 from 11 a.m. until time of service at 12 noon at The Miracle Center of Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 9161 Hampton Overlook, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. Rev. Dr. Michael C. Turner, Sr. Pastor. Interment Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.



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(Mazie Sellers)
MAZIE SELLERS
backed by the **BUTLER SISTERS**
Prod. by: Nal Production Co.

HEAVENLY STARS

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EVERYTHING'S ALRIGHT

(Mazie Sellers)

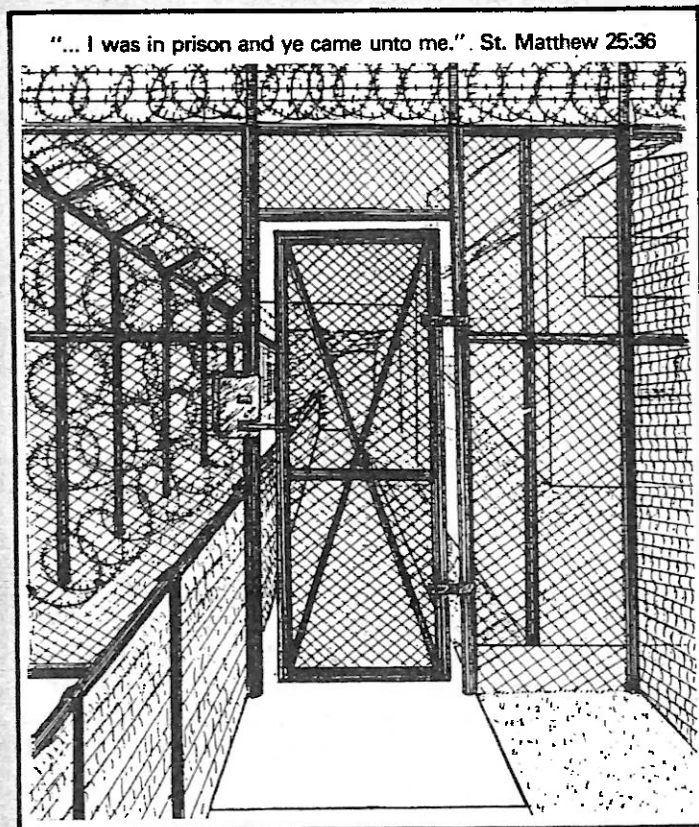
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Where Grown Men Cry

J.N. Slaughter, Jr.



**Edited by
David J. Jackson**

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Helping to surmount many obstacles, I salute the EVOL Prison Ministry, Inc.,—Janis Allen, Barbara Bowen, LaVerne Dickerson, Consuelo and Edward Gantt, Juanita Griffin, Mazie Sellers, Alice Young, and Pastors Earl Day, Sr., Archie Griffin, David James Jackson, Robert E. Owens, Arthur A. Preston and Herbert A. Schwandt.

For his sensitivity to my wife's desire to help somebody, and for his close and frequent monitoring of her health—a special thanks to her cardiologist, Dr. Tazewell Banks who consented to her volunteer endeavor.

To the staff employees, officers and some representatives of the system for their concern, interest, assistance and their attempts to override the opposition to this Spiritual effort, I am extremely grateful. It is for obvious reasons names have been omitted.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Proclamation

BERNICE B. SLAUGHTER APPRECIATION DAY
OCTOBER 11, 1985
BY THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WHEREAS, on Friday, October 11, 1985, a dedication ceremony will be held to inaugurate the new prison for the District of Columbia at the Occoquan Correctional Facilities; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of Mrs. Bernice Slaughter provided the cornerstone of the new prison and her dedication to this enterprise has remained unwavering and undaunted; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Slaughter solicited over twenty-six thousand dollars from the religious and business communities for the restoration of the chapel and eight thousand dollars for the new parish and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Slaughter's devotion to the needs of Christianity has enabled her to pursue her goals while maintaining an optimistic outlook and appreciating the universal need for a spiritual foundation for all endeavors; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the concepts of unconditional love and generosity of spirit, the Interfaith Chapel expresses the labor and care of the entire prison community, numerous religious and business leaders, and, above all, the faith of Mrs. Bernice Slaughter;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim Friday, October 11, 1985 as "BERNICE B. SLAUGHTER APPRECIATION DAY" in the District of Columbia, in grateful recognition of her devotion to the needs of the entire prison community, her leadership in the residence of Washington, D.C. to join with me in selecting her spiritual vision and shaping all the contributors to this beautiful addition to the Occoquan correctional facilities.


MARION S. BARRY, JR.
MAYOR



Council of the District of Columbia Resolution

*Councilmembers Grouped presents the following
Resolution co-sponsored by:*

Chairman, Church *Councilmember Jones* *Councilmember Moore*
Councilmember Wilson *Councilmember Key* *Councilmember Malachuk*
Councilmember Shinnery *Councilmember Mackelton* *Councilmember Smith*
Councilmember Spink *Councilmember Wilson* *Councilmember Whitely*
Councilmember Slaughter *Councilmember Slaughter* *Councilmember Slaughter*

WHEREAS, BERNICE B. SLAUGHTER VOLUNTEERED TO STAY AN INMATE OF THE OCCOQUAN CORRECTIONAL COMPLEX IN JANUARY, 1985;

WHEREAS, BERNICE B. SLAUGHTER, UPON SEEING THE DETERIORATED CONDITION OF THE CHAPEL, RESOLVED THAT THE CHAPEL SHOULD BE RESTORED TO A FIT PLACE TO BRING THE SPIRITUAL GROWTH OF INMATES;

WHEREAS, BERNICE B. SLAUGHTER AND HER HUSBAND CONTRIBUTED \$1,100 FROM THEIR PERSONAL FUNDS FOR THE WALL MATERIALS FOR THE RESTORATION;

WHEREAS, BERNICE B. SLAUGHTER RAISED AN ADDITIONAL \$13,000 FROM AMATEURS, FRIENDS, LOCAL BUSINESSMEN, AND RELATIVES;

WHEREAS, BERNICE B. SLAUGHTER THANKED HER LETTERMATERIAL AND LETTERBOX, MENTIONED MANY OF THE INMATES TO CONTRIBUTE THEIR DUES TO THE PROJECT, SHE WORKING UP TO 18 HOURS A DAY;

WHEREAS, BERNICE B. SLAUGHTER AND HER HUSBAND DROVE 32 MILES TO THE PRISON SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK TO OBTAIN MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FOR THE RESTORATION;

WHEREAS, BERNICE B. SLAUGHTER HAS OCCUPIED THE WORK ON THE CHAPEL, HAS AGREED TO QUIT THE PROJECT TO COMPLETE IT AND GO TO THE DISTRICT GOVERNMENT, A PROJECT THAT WOULD HAVE COST \$18,000 AND IT BEEN COMPLETED; AND

WHEREAS, BERNICE B. SLAUGHTER HAS OCCUPIED AND MAINTAINED A SERIES OF SPIRITUAL EMPOWERMENT SERVICES THAT CONSISTENTLY DRAW STRONG POSITIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE HEAVY MATED INTERFAITH CHAPEL.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, THAT THIS RESOLUTION ANY BE SIGNED AS THE "BERNICE B. SLAUGHTER APPRECIATION RESOLUTION OF 1985".

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Approved by the Council

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

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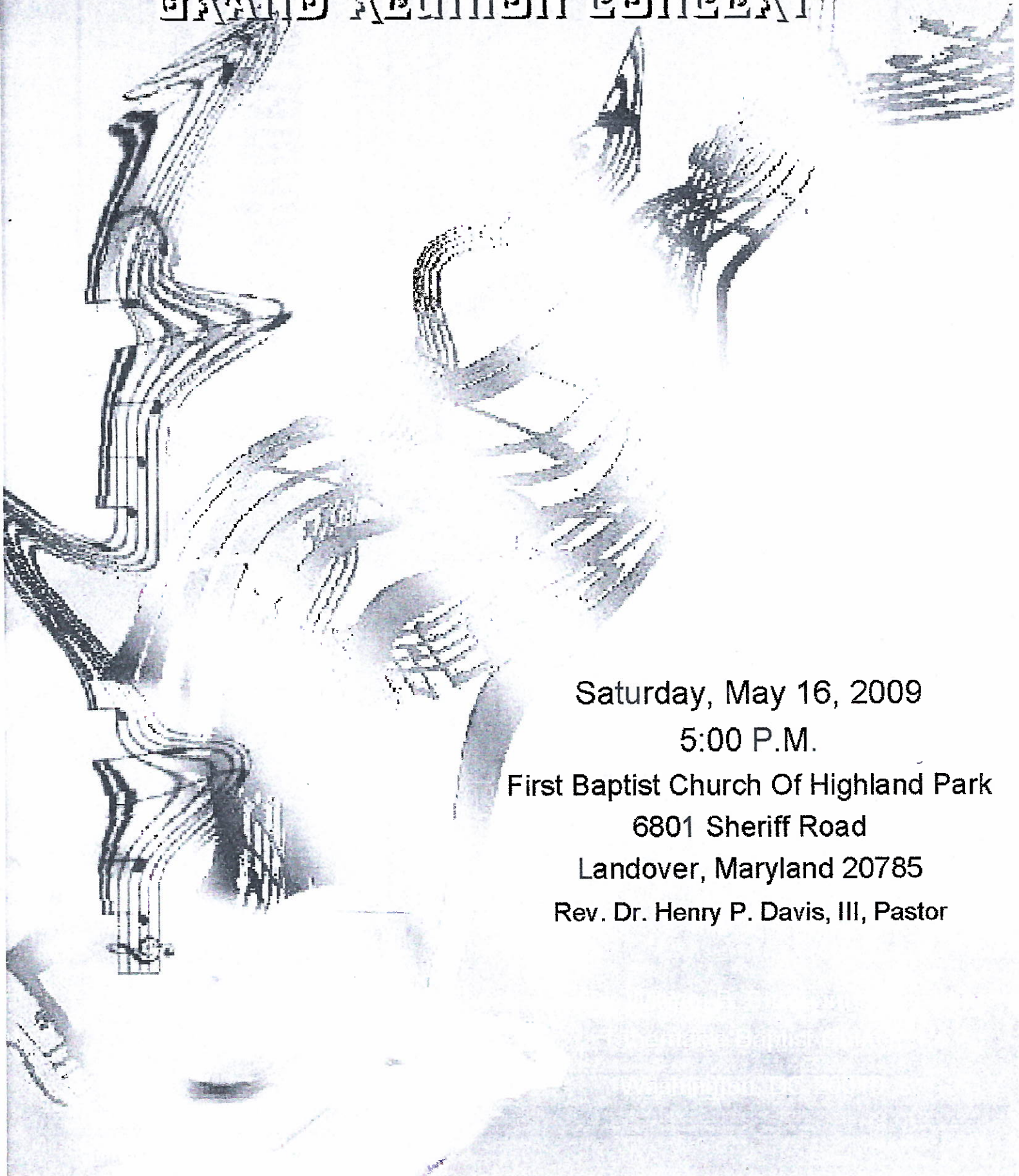
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THE TABERNACLE CHOIR

GRAND REUNION CONCERT



Saturday, May 16, 2009

5:00 P.M.

First Baptist Church Of Highland Park

6801 Sheriff Road

Landover, Maryland 20785

Rev. Dr. Henry P. Davis, III, Pastor

Yyonette Johnson Rhodes
Alto, 5 years
Pastor, Johnsonville A.M.E.
Church
Cameron, NC
Mark 10:27



Linwood Robinson
Tenor, 1 year
The Peoples Community
Baptist Church
St. John 14:3

Deaconess Paulette C. Rucker
Soprano, 5 years
Tabernacle Baptist Church
Isaiah 40:31



Minister Patricia Saunders
Soprano, 10 years
The Temple of Praise
St. John 15:13

Rev. Dr. Paulette Scott
Alto, 10 years
Pastor, Christ Cornerstone
Healing Ministries
Romans 8:28



Mazie Washington Sellers
Soprano
First Baptist Church
Deanwood
Song of Solomon 2:18

Kenneth Shuler
Tenor, 5 years
Mt. Zion Baptist Church
Green Bay, VA



Larry Sims
Tenor, 4 years
Zion Church
Proverb. 3:5-6,
II Chron. 7:14

Linda Sims
Tenor, 22 years
Tabernacle Baptist Church
Psalm 34:1-8



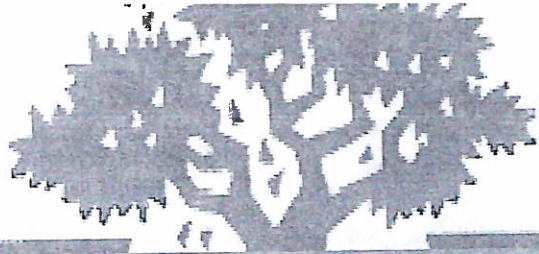
Rose Sims
Alto, 4 years
Zion Church
Proverbs 3:5-6

Nancy Smalls
Soprano, 21 years
Southern Baptist Church
Ecclesiastes 3:1



Clarissa Smith
Alto, 10 years
Voices of Faith Ministries
Conyers, GA
Phil 4:4-7





*Thank You for being a part of this historical
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about mazie

Mazie Washington Sellers, was "discovered" by her music teacher Mrs. Jennie G. Smith in Browne Junior High School. While still a High School student, she was accepted in the Music School at Howard University, where she studied voice and piano. Meanwhile, she was in the choir at 1st Baptist Church of Deanwood and giving of her talent in other groups in the City of Washington, District of Columbia.

Later, Mazie was accepted as a student of voice by professor Kurt Hetzel who took quite an interest in her. Mazie sang on the Ted Mack's Amateur Hour a few years ago and was a one-time winner. She has become one of Washington's leading coloratura sopranos singing in several languages from Gospels to Opera.

Too much credit can not be given Mrs. Fay Fowler, organist at 1st Baptist Church of Deanwood, whose tireless work with Mazie helped develop her through the early years of her career.

In all this, with God and Love her grandmother, Mrs. Henry S. Washington supported and encouraged her on.

**Mrs. Mildred Pratt

During my teaching career at Browne Junior High School, I had the extreme pleasure of coming in contact with many students who possessed unusual musical abilities. Mazie Washington was one of these students. She was blessed with a very mature voice



at an early age. Yet, this voice was beautiful in quality.

Many years passed before I had the opportunity to hear her sing again. When this did happen, I found the quality just as beautiful as it was some years ago.

May she always move forward and upward.

**Mrs. Jennie G. Smith

It was over twenty years ago, yet still vivid in my mind was a certain concert given at the Tabernacle Baptist Church, by a group of guest singers. One of the high-lights of that event was a young lady, at that time still a teenager, whose voice rang loud and clear over all the other members of the group. I remember how I wondered how such a large voice could come from such a small lady. I can almost hear her now as she sang with such conviction, "ONLY A LOOK AT JESUS." The voice belonged to none other than Mazie Washington Sellers.

Like a rare old pipe organ, possessing hundreds of stops, which enable it to create the sounds of many instruments, and many different tone qualities, like the organ that can make a crescendo from a soft whisper to a magnitude of volume, with the upmost artistry, Mazie Sellers posses that rare talent that only God can give. Not like the foolish ones who hide their talents, Mazie has multiplied her talent ten times ten bringing joy to the hearts of others and spreading God's message in Song.

I am proud to say that I know Mazie Washington Sellers, artist of "GREAT MAGNITUDE, PERSONALITY of UTMOST HUMBLENESS."

**Mr. Bernard C. Mavritte

Over a year ago in a small Chapel I had the pleasure of hearing Mazie Washington Sellers sing. Inspiring me as well as the people in the Chapel with songs we could feel God in our presence thru Mazie.

Mahalia Jackson and Marion Anderson you hear in Mazie's singing. Loving both Mahalia Jackson and Marion Anderson in song, Mazie Washington Sellers has come a long way to steal my love for music. Now my heart is overjoyed knowing that Mazie is on her way up the Kings High-way singing songs that inspire everyone in some way to let them know there is a God somewhere.

At Resurrection City, Wednesday June 19, 1968 there was no tension on SOLIDARITY DAY. America sent over 500,000 of her children to add their voice to the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., cry of "LET FREEDOM RING, PEACE ON EARTH." Mazie Washington Sellers was one of the voices that was heard over the World by television, radio, newspapers, and by those who were there. Mazie sung the song, "THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE," and her voice touched the World, giving us something to think about.

Sing on Mazie Washington Sellers, adding flavor to the Tabernacle Echos, spice to the Spiritual Echos, along with other various groups in the Washington Area, keep on putting your heart into song, because when you do others in the World feel as you do when you sing out for God.

**Mr. Gehodiest Cossay

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
District Department of Transportation



Public Hearing on
B22-0746, the “Outlaw Way Designation Act of 2018”
B22-0788, the “Hannah Hawkins Place Designation Act of 2018”
B22-0747, the “Bruce Robey Way Designation Act of 2018”
Bill 22-793, the “Ben’s Chili Bowl Way Designation Act of 2018”
B22-0787, the “Rev. W.W. Flood Way Designation Act of 2018”
Bill 22-697, the “Mazie Washington Way Designation Act of 2018”

Testimony of
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District Department of Transportation

Before the
Committee of the Whole

Council of the District of Columbia

Monday, July 9, 2018
1:30 p.m.
Hearing Room 412
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20004



Good morning, Chairman Mendelson, members of the Council, staff, and District residents. My name is Dan Emerine, and I am Manager of the Policy and Legislative Affairs Division in the Office of the Director at the District Department of Transportation, commonly referred to as DDOT. I am here today to present testimony on behalf of Mayor Muriel Bowser and DDOT Director Jeff Marootian regarding Bill 22-0746, the “Outlaw Way Designation Act of 2018;” Bill 22-0788, the “Hannah Hawkins Place Designation Act of 2018;” Bill 22-0747, the “Bruce Robey Way Designation Act of 2018;” Bill 22-793, the “Ben’s Chili Bowl Way Designation Act of 2018;” B22-0787, the “Rev. W.W. Flood Way Designation Act of 2018;” and Bill 22-697, the “Mazie Washington Way Designation Act of 2018.”

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0746 is to symbolically designate the 200 block of 10th Street, N.E. in Ward 6 as *Outlaw Way*. As per the requirements of DC Act 21-489, Section 421(g), I have attached to this testimony a copy of the surveyor’s plat showing the public street between square 939 and 964. In fiscal terms, the cost of each installed sign for these designations is approximately \$170 (\$60 for sign fabrication and \$110 for sign installation). Sufficient signage requires two total signs, totaling \$340.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0788 is to officially designate the 2100 and 2200 blocks of Mount View Place, S.E. in Ward 8 as *Hannah Hawkins Place*. As per the requirements of DC Act 21-489, Section 421(g), I have attached to this

testimony a copy of the surveyor's plat showing the public street between Squares 5805, 5802, and 5800. In fiscal terms, the cost of each installed sign for these designations is approximately \$170 (\$60 for sign fabrication and \$110 for sign installation). Sufficient signage requires two total signs, totaling \$340.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0747 is to officially designate the alley that runs east and west between the 600 blocks of 11th and 12th Streets, N.E., and the 1100 blocks of G and F Streets, N.E., in Ward 6 as *Bruce Robey Way*. As per the requirements of DC Act 21-489, Section 421(g), I have attached to this testimony a copy of the surveyor's plat showing the alley in Square 983. In fiscal terms, the cost of each installed sign for these designations is approximately \$170 (\$60 for sign fabrication and \$110 for sign installation). Sufficient signage requires one sign, totaling \$170.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0793 is to symbolically designate the 1200 block of U Street, N.W. in Ward 1 as *Ben's Chili Bowl Way*. As per the requirements of DC Act 21-489, Section 421(g), I have attached to this testimony a copy of the surveyor's plat showing the public street between square 273 and 274. In fiscal terms, the cost of each installed sign for these designations is approximately \$170 (\$60 for sign fabrication and \$110 for sign installation). Sufficient signage requires two total signs, totaling \$340.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0787 is to symbolically designate the unit block of Brandywine Street, S.E. in Ward 8 as *Rev. W.W. Flood Way*. As per the

requirements of DC Act 21-489, Section 421(g), I have attached to this testimony a copy of the surveyor's plat showing the public street in Squares 6171 and 6171 N.

In fiscal terms, the cost of each installed sign for these designations is approximately \$170 (\$60 for sign fabrication and \$110 for sign installation).

Sufficient signage requires two total signs, totaling \$340.

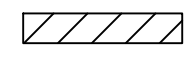
The stated purpose of Bill 22-697 is to symbolically designate the 4900 block of Nannie Helens Burroughs Avenue, N.E. in Ward 7 as *Mazie Washington Way*. As per the requirements of DC Act 21-489, Section 421(g), I have attached to this testimony a copy of the surveyor's plat showing the public alley in square 5148. In fiscal terms, the cost of each installed sign for these designations is approximately \$170 (\$60 for sign fabrication and \$110 for sign installation).

Sufficient signage requires two total signs, totaling \$340.

Sufficient signage requires 11 total signs, totaling \$1,870. DDOT is able to absorb the costs of these signs within its current budget and does not foresee any operational impact this designation would have on the District's transportation network.

Therefore, the Administration has no objection to these designations, and DDOT stands ready to assist the Council and all other stakeholders with any ceremonial unveiling activities that may materialize as a result of these Bills being passed.

This concludes my testimony. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify before you today. I am available to answer any questions that you may have.

PURSUANT TO D.C. LAW _____ EFFECTIVE _____,
THE STREET SHOWN THUS:  IS SYMBOLICALLY DESIGNATED
AS "MAZIE WASHINGTON WAY".

SYMBOLIC NAMING OF A PUBLIC STREET

4900 BLOCK OF NANNIE HELEN BURROUGHS AVENUE, N.E.

OFFICE OF THE SURVEYOR, D.C.

_____, 2018

I CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAT IS CORRECT AND IS RECORDED.

SURVEYOR, D.C.

49th STREET, N.E.

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PUBLIC (VARIABLE WIDTH) ALLEY

SQ. 5179

50th STREET, N.E.

MAZIE WASHINGTON WAY
(NANNIE HELEN BURROUGHS AVENUE, N.E.)

SQ. 5180

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13 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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17 To symbolically designate the 4900 block of Nannie Helen Burroughs Avenue, N.E., in Ward 7,
18 as Mazie Washington Way.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
21 act may be cited as the “Mazie Washington Way Designation Act of 2018”.

22 Sec. 2. Pursuant to sections 401, 403a, and 423 of the Street and Alley Closing and
23 Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official
24 Code §§ 9-204.01, 9-204.03a, and 9-204.23), the Council symbolically designates the 4900 block
25 of Nannie Helen Burroughs Avenue, N.E., as “Mazie Washington Way”.

26 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

27 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
28 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
29 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

30 Sec. 4. Effective date.

31 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
32 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
33 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December

34 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
35 Columbia Register.