

**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: February 15, 2022

SUBJECT: Report on Bill 24-214, the “Alice R. Washington Way Designation Act of 2022”

The Committee of the Whole, to which Bill 24-214, the “Alice R. Washington Way Designation Act of 2022” was referred, reports favorably thereon with technical amendments and recommends approval by the Council.

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I. BACKGROUND AND NEED

On April 19, 2021, Bill 24-214, the “Alice R. Washington Way Designation Act of 2022”¹ was introduced by Councilmember Brianne Nadeau. This bill would symbolically designate the 2700 block of Sherman Avenue, N.W., as Alice R. Washington Way. A symbolic naming is for ceremonial purposes and shall be in addition to and subordinate to any name that is an official name.

Alice Washington was born in Louisa, Virginia in 1934 and moved to the District with her husband Alex and 10 children during the 1960s Civil Rights Movement. Mrs. Washington graduated from the University of the District of Columbia Upper Mobility Program in 1970 earning a Certified Nursing License. She worked at Manor Nursing home until her retirement in 2000 having attained the level of Supervising Nurse. During her time at Manor Nursing home, she also established food and exercise programs for the residents and their families to recognize the importance of implementing better habits to obtain a greater quality of life. In 1991, after years

¹ Originally introduced as Alice Washington Way Designation Act of 2021.

of hard work, she saved enough to become a homeowner of 2727 Sherman Avenue N.W. where she lived until her passing. The home continues to stay in the Washington family.

Outside of her career, Mrs. Washington made a reputation for herself by finding common sense solutions for the Ward 1 community including community activism, voting rights, and political participation. She reminded everyone to get out and vote at the dates and times necessary of each of the polling locations across the Ward, even volunteering to drive community members to the polls in her teal blue Cadillac. Of course, armed with snacks and water for voters while they oftentimes stood in the freezing cold or the scorching summer heat to vote. Alice Washington came to be known as the Mayor of Sherman Avenue and remained a leading voice in the neighborhood holding court daily from her front porch. Mrs. Washington was a mentor, inspiration, and a mother figure for the many seniors, single mothers, hungry teenagers and otherwise overlooked members of the community looking for purpose. She would reign as Mayor of Sherman Avenue until her passing in 2004.

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.² 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.³

An “official name” refers to the legal designation of an alley or a street for mailing address and other purposes,⁴ whereas a “symbolic name” for a street or alley shall be in addition to and subordinate to any name that is an official name.⁵ An official name of an alley shall contain the suffix “Alley” or “Court.”⁶ A symbolic name of a street or alley shall contain the suffix “Way” or “Plaza.”⁷ As established by Bill 24-214, “Alice R. Washington Way” is a symbolic street designation for the 2700 block of Sherman Avenue, N.W.

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. Regarding Bill 24-214, the ANC was notified of the legislation by the Committee on October 4, 2021.

² See D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01 *et seq.*

³ See D.C. Law 21-0161, effective from Oct. 8, 2016, Published in the *DC Register* Vol 63 and Page 12933.

⁴ D.C. Official Code § 9-201.01(5A).

⁵ D.C. Official Code § 9-204.03a(a).

⁶ D.C. Official Code § 9-204.03(c).

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After the symbolic street or alley designation legislation becomes law and all 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. Such signage shall be uniform and distinct from signs for official names⁸

Conclusion

Alice Washington’s legacy is one of outstanding character and service to her community – a fierce voting rights advocate, worker’s rights advocate, and community organizer. Symbolically designating the 2700 block of Sherman Avenue, N.W. as Alice R. Washington Way, is a fitting tribute to her legacy. Thus, the Committee of the Whole recommends Council approval of Bill 24-214, the “Alice R. Washington Way Designation Act of 2022.”

II. LEGISLATIVE CHRONOLOGY

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| February 26, 2021 | Bill 24-214, the “Alice R. Washington Way Designation Act of 2021” is introduced by Councilmember Vincent Gray joined by Councilmembers Pinto, Cheh, and Robert White. |
| March 2, 2021 | Bill 24-214 is officially read at the regularly scheduled Legislative Meeting and referred to the Committee of the Whole. |
| March 5, 2021 | Notice of Intent to Act on Bill 24-214 is published in the <i>DC Register</i> . |
| September 17, 2021 | Notice of a public hearing on Bill 24-214 is published in the <i>DC Register</i> . |
| November 3, 2021 | The Committee of the Whole holds a hearing on Bill 24-214. |
| February 15, 2022 | The Committee of the Whole marks up Bill 24-214. |

III. POSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE

Dan Emerine, Manager, Policy and Legislative Affairs, District Department of Transportation, testified on behalf of the Executive that it had “no objection” to the symbolic street naming in Bill 24-214. DDOT testified at the hearing that the cost of the signage contemplated in the bill is \$380. His testimony is attached.

IV. COMMENTS OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS

Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 1B sent a letter to Councilmember Nadeau on behalf of the Commission stating that ANC 1B voted unanimously to honor Alice Washington

⁸ D.C. Official Code § 9-204.24(d).

by requesting the Council to ceremonially designate the 2700 block of Sherman Avenue after this Alice Washington. The letter is attached.

V. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

The Committee of the Whole held a public hearing on Bill 24-214 on Wednesday, November 3, 2021. The testimony is summarized below. Copies of the written testimony are attached to this report.

Sandra G. Subahwon, Daughter, testified in support of the proposed designation and shared remembrances of her mother and her impact on her family and community.

Dan Emerine, Manager, Policy and Legislative Affairs, District Department of Transportation, testified on behalf of the Executive that it had “no objection” to the designation.

The Committee received no testimony or comments in opposition to Bill 24-214.

VI. IMPACT ON EXISTING LAW

Bill 24-214 has no impact on existing law. D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01⁹ 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.”¹⁰ Bill 24-214 symbolically designates the 2700 block of Sherman Avenue, N.W., as “Alice R. Washington Way.” Additionally, “a symbolic name of a street or alley shall contain only the suffix Way or Plaza,” such as proposed by Bill 24-214.¹¹ 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.¹² Mrs. Washington passed away on April 12, 2004.

VII. FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2022 through fiscal year 2025 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. Because the cost to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is estimated at \$380 (\$65 per sign for fabrication and \$125 for installation), the cost of Bill 24-214 can be absorbed, as noted in the February X, 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement.

⁹ Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201).

¹⁰ D.C. Code § 9-204.03(a).

¹¹ D.C. Code § 9-204.03(c).

¹² See D.C. Code § 9-204.05.

VIII. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

<u>Section 1</u>	States the short title of Bill 24-214.
<u>Section 2</u>	Symbolically designates the 2700 block of Sherman Avenue, N.W. as “Alice R. Washington Way.”
<u>Section 3</u>	Adopts the Fiscal Impact Statement.
<u>Section 4</u>	Establishes the effective date by stating the standard 30-day congressional review language.

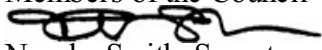
IX. COMMITTEE ACTION

X. ATTACHMENTS

1. Bill 24-214 as introduced.
2. Written Testimony.
3. Map of Proposed Designation.
4. Fiscal Impact Statement for Bill 24-214.
5. Legal Sufficiency Determination for Bill 24-214.
6. Committee Print for Bill 24-214.

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Memorandum

To : Members of the Council
From :  Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council
Date : Thursday, April 22, 2021
Subject : Referral of Proposed Legislation

Notice is given that the attached proposed legislation was introduced in the Office of the Secretary on Monday, April 19, 2021. Copies are available in Room 10, the Legislative Services Division.

TITLE: "Alice Washington Way Designation Act of 2021", B24-0214

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Nadeau

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

Attachment
cc: General Counsel
Budget Director
Legislative Services

Brianne K. Nadeau

Councilmember Brianne K. Nadeau

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23 of Sherman Avenue, N.W., in Ward 1, as “Alice Washington Way”.

24 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

28 Sec. 4. Effective date.

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

32 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
33 Columbia Register.

Good Morning Chairman and Councilmembers,

I'm Sandra G. Subahwon proud daughter of Alice R. Washington. Present Business Owner of Sandovan Restaurant Lounge for eight year located in Washington, DC. Also, employed by MedStar Georgetown University Kidney Pancreas Program. I have been employed with MedStar for 20 years.

So, the story begins here. Being the ninth child you see and hear everything. I was known as mama western union traveler. I recall my mother rising for work everyday at 4:30am with her white nurse uniform on. Her coffee lingering in the air, the smell of breakfast. No matter what, mama had our breakfast and a little extra for my friend that walked along with me to school. My mama always wore a badge of honor not only for children and folks in her house. One of mama favorite quotes. It takes a village to watch these kids in the community. That she did. My mother was known to help the kids and parents.. I was a cheerleader at Banneker. I recall mama giving Mrs. Hakwins Banneker Jr High School Cheerleader Coach a box of glitter shoelace.

You see, my mother just was not that lady that sat on the porch. She was the lady that Mama pierced just about everyone's ears on the block. Provided information helping kids get signed up for summer jobs. I mean she would actually ride the kids to the job location that first week. Everyone's children either signed up at Howard University Summer Program or DC Teacher College Fall or Summer program. She was so knowledgeable. Mama would pass along clothes to kids. When the kids clothing boutique opened the doors directly across the street. My Mama was the first to knock on the door and furnished a list of family names in the neighbor that required clothing.

She would make sure neighbors go out and vote. She would also notify Reverend Thoams at 13th street First Baptist to keep her informed of the bread and food drives. She would go to the Wonder Bread place down below Banneker on Saturday and pick up free danishes and distribute those items to our neighbor. Summer months Mama would load up the kids in the neighborhood and ride them up to either Carter Barron Park good Baseball game or Wheaton Regional Park for some good old play time. We would have a beautiful time. We still reminisce. My Mam was a beautiful uplifted spirit individual that provided so much empowerment in the neighborhood for those that were less fortunate. She never looked down on people. She kept you inspired with a warm smile.

My mama was a short lady height 4 feet with a big heart. Loved her family,church and powerful impact in our community. Very prideful daughter.

Honestly, I appreciate the opportunity to even ask for approval of the naming of street Alice R Washington way on Sherman Avenue NW.

Blessing and gratitude,

Sandra Subahwon,

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
District Department of Transportation



Public Hearing on
Bill 24-11, the Alpha Phi Alpha Way Designation Act of 2021
Bill 24-22, the Jamal Khashoggi Way Designation Act of 2021
Bill 24-24, the Ruth Bader Ginsburg Way Designation Act of 2021
Bill 24-117, the Armstead Barnett Way Designation Act of 2021
Bill 24-145, the Navy Place, S.E. Redesignation Act of 2021
Bill 24-160, the Willie J. Hardy Memorial Bridge Designation Act of 2021
Bill 24-214, the Alice Washington Way Designation Act of 2021
Bill 24-233, Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2021, and
Bill 24-336, the Wiltberger East Alleys Designation Act of 2021

Testimony of
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Manager, Policy and Legislative Affairs Division
District Department of Transportation

Before the
Committee of the Whole

Council of the District of Columbia

Wednesday, November 3, 2021
10:30 a.m.

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Good morning Chairman Mendelson, members of the Council, staff, and District residents. My name is Dan Emerine, and I am the Manager of the Policy and Legislative Affairs Division 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 Everett Lott regarding nine bills, which are Bill 24-11, the “Alpha Phi Alpha Way Designation Act of 2021,” Bill 24-22, the “Jamal Khashoggi Way Designation Act of 2021,” Bill 24-24, the “Ruth Bader Ginsburg Way Designation Act of 2021,” Bill 24-117, the “Armstead Barnett Way Designation Act of 2021,” Bill 24-145, the “Navy Place, S.E. Redesignation Act of 2021,” Bill 24-160, the “Willie J. Hardy Memorial Bridge Designation Act of 2021,” Bill 24-214, the “Alice Washington Way Designation Act of 2021,” and Bill 24-336, the “Wiltberger East Alleys Designation Act of 2021.”

The stated purpose of Bill 24-11 is to symbolically designate First Street, N.W., between Bryant Street, N.W. and Michigan Avenue, N.W., in Ward 5 as *Alpha Phi Alpha Way*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of a DDOT-generated map highlighting the designated street. In fiscal terms, the cost of each installed sign for this designation is approximately \$190 (\$65 for sign fabrication and \$125 for sign installation). Sufficient signage requires five total signs, totaling \$950.

The stated purpose of Bill 24-22 is to symbolically designate New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., between Virginia Avenue, N.W. and F Street, N.W., in Ward 2, as *Jamal Khashoggi Way*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of a DDOT-generated map highlighting the designated street. Sufficient signage requires three total signs, totaling \$570.

The stated purpose of Bill 24-24 is to symbolically designate Virginia Avenue, N.W., between Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway, N.W. and New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., in Ward 2, as *Ruth Bader Ginsburg Way*, and to allow a public space in the District to be named in honor of a justice of the Supreme Court of the United States who has been deceased for less than 2 years. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of a DDOT-generated map highlighting the designated street. Sufficient signage requires three total signs, totaling \$570.

The stated purpose of Bill 24-117 is to symbolically designate the 600 block of Division Avenue, N.E., in Ward 7, as *Armstead Barnett Way*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of a DDOT-generated map highlighting the designated street. Sufficient signage requires two total signs, totaling \$380.

The stated purpose of Bill 24-145 is to officially re-designate the street known as Ellen Wilson Place, S.E., in Ward 6, as *Navy Place S.E.* For visualization

purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of the plat of the designated street. Sufficient signage requires three total signs, totaling \$570.

The stated purpose of Bill 24-160 is to officially re-designate the bridge on Benning Road, N.E., located between 34th Street, N.E., and Minnesota Avenue, N.E., in Ward 7, as the *Willie J. Hardy Memorial Bridge*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of the plat highlighting the designated bridge. Sufficient signage requires two total signs, totaling \$380.

The stated purpose of Bill 24-214 is to symbolically designate the 2700 block of Sherman Avenue, N.W., in Ward 1, as *Alice Washington Way*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of a DDOT-generated map highlighting the designated street. Sufficient signage requires two total signs, totaling \$380.

The stated purpose of Bill 24-336 is to symbolically designate the public alley system within Square 441, bounded by Wiltberger Street, N.W., T Street, N.W., T Street, N.W., Florida Avenue, N.W., 6th Street, N.W., and S Street, N.W. in Ward 6, as *Holzbeirlein Bakery Way*, *Joe and Mae Hurd All Sports Club Way*, and *Wiltberger Club House Way*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of a DDOT-generated map highlighting the designated alleys. Sufficient signage requires six total signs and 5 posts, totaling \$1,315.

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DDOT is able to absorb the costs of these signs within its current budget and does

not foresee any operational impact these designations 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.

Good Morning Chairman and Councilmembers,:

It's an absolute pleasure and a dream come true to stand before you all here today because for far too long, the hard work and tenacity of many of our local Black Female Civil Rights Icons has either been swept under the rug or has largely gone unnoticed. Today we have before us an opportunity to bend the arch towards justice and equality by showing our appreciation for a Native Washingtonian whose flowers are long overdue. Before I begin, some of you may know me as a life-long Ward 1 resident and/or also as a retired Beauty Salon Owner of 8 different local shops. However, others may know me for either serving as the Publicity Committee Chair for the DC Seniors Cameo Club or for helping to organize a yearly prom gown drive for low income Graduating Seniors via the Believe In Your Dreams Prom Event. For all of the reasons why you may or may not know me, the one that I, Rebecca Washington, am most proud of is the fact that I am the eldest daughter of local Civil Rights Icon—Mrs. Alice Washington. During my nearly 7 decades of living, I've learned through my Mom that behind the eyes of every exceptional woman lies a metaphorical closet filled to the brim with all of the many hats she has adorned and utilized as both a crown, a compass and a form of camouflage to guide her during times of uncertainty and push her forward in order to continue to do the oftentimes thankless work of being a change agent for her family, friends and community. She may or may not have had a few really nice hats in the back of that closet to attend service at First Baptist Church every Sunday, as well.

Alice Washington was born in Lousia, Virginia and relocated to the District with her then-husband, Alex Washington, along with her 10 children about 50 years ago during the U.S. Civil Rights Movement of the 60's. A fervent advocate for higher learning, Mrs. Washington graduated from the UDC Upper Mobility Program in 1970, with a Certified Nursing License. She went on to serve at Manor Nursing home until she retired in 2000. Digging back into that closet of "hats", Alice leveraged her education, training and experience to pave a way up in order to eventually become the Supervising Nurse. Ever the trailblazer, while there she began the difficult task of advocating for the employees to receive medical benefits, adequate training and timely promotions. She also established food and exercise programs for the residents and their families to recognize the importance of implementing better habits to obtain a greater quality of life. Speaking of, she worked tirelessly at Manor Nursing Home to fulfill her own goal of becoming a homeowner; which, she achieved in 1991 when 2727 Sherman Avenue N.W. became the final address she would ever call home—the very place where I presently live to honor her legacy.

Equipped with the lingering disappointment of her parents being denied the opportunity to vote due to Jim Crow Laws and a toolbox full of code switching techniques to impact as many as possible, Alice Washington made a reputation for herself by taking a hard look at complex issues impacting our community in Ward 1 and figuring out common sense solutions towards securing the rights guaranteed by the Constitution for everyone's vote to count, equally, under the Voting Rights Law. Moreover, Mother was able to obtain the signatures required in order to complete the registration process for thousands of

Washingtonians to help place Marion Barry and other iconic, traditional and non-traditional, progressive, Black officials, alike, on Electoral ballots here in the District.

Honestly, I don't think that I will ever understand how a woman who worked full time with 10 kids and countless grandchildren, nieces and nephews ever had the time to help all of the folks around her understand that their voice, their struggles and their humanity matters. But she did so tirelessly. She also did a not so shabby job of reminding everyone to get out and vote at the dates and times necessary of each of the polling locations in Ward 1. In fact, whenever voters had a problem getting to the polls, she never had an issue scooping them up in her beautiful teal blue Cadillac. Of course, she never showed up empty handed. Mama always had snacks and water for voters while they oftentimes stood in the freezing cold or the scorching D.C. summer heat to place their vote. The Mayor of Sherman Avenue, Alice Washington, remained a leading voice in the neighborhood until she passed in 2004. She did so by holding court daily from her Front Porch on Sherman Avenue as a mentor, inspiration and a Motherly figure for the many Seniors, single mothers, hungry teenagers and otherwise overlooked members of the community looking for purpose.

Needless to say, as the "Mayor of Sherman Avenue", Alice Washington's legacy is one defined by outstanding character and service to her community. My mother was a fierce voting rights advocate, worker's rights advocate, a champion for the have nots and an excellent community organizer who was equal parts Renaissance Woman, equal parts Visionary but always and forever the most exceptional woman that I've ever known. I thank you all for your time today and let's do the right thing and honor Alice Washington with a street named after her. It's the least we could do for someone who always did the most for everyone in her community.

With Love,

Rebecca Washington



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Councilmember Nadeau,

The events of 2020 have highlighted the need to acknowledge and recognize local champions in educating residents on civics, the structure, and the importance of their participation in the process. Most notably by exercising their given right to vote.

Alice Washington, the proud home owner of 2727 Sherman Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C., spent 50 years strengthening our community with a commitment to removing any barriers that may have negatively impacted Ward One Residents. Mrs. Washington was a fierce advocate of the Senior Citizen community and their ability to exercise their right to vote and to also be heard and to be visible within the political landscape of the District. From helping to secure voting rights to volunteering in various other Community Service initiatives, Mrs. Washington made it her mission to make a difference. While battling heart disease, she continued to use her community based platform to highlight and inform her fellow residents about the various issues that impact Washingtonians whilst continuing to donate food and clothes to the most underprivileged families of our society.

Alice Washington felt very strongly about securing Voting Rights for Seniors because she understood the unfairness of having the most vulnerable members of our society waiting in lines for hours just to exercise their right to vote. Therefore, she would go to the market and purchase water and snacks to pass out to those waiting in line to vote. She did all of this with a huge smile and never asked for anything in return because she grew up in an era where black and brown folk were not able to vote. That said, she went out of her way to acknowledge and thank the election workers who did everything they could amidst challenging circumstances to defend everyone's rights to vote.

Because of her lifelong commitment to democracy and fair elections in the District of Columbia, on behalf of her family and community, ANC 1B voted unanimously to honor Alice Washington by requesting the Council to ceremonially designate the 2700 block of Sherman Avenue after this civil rights icon.

On behalf of the Commission.

James A. Turner, Chair
Commissioner SMD 1B09

Danny Delaney, Secretary
Commissioner SMD 1B10

c: Honorable Muriel Bowser, Mayor, District of Columbia
Ms. Tania Jackson, Chief, Ward 1 Councilmember

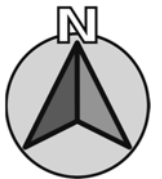
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