



City of Newark

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920 Broad Street
Newark, New Jersey 07102

Legislation Text

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Dept/ Agency: Offices of Municipal Council/City Clerk

Action: () Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending

Type of Service: Ceremonial Street Designation

Honoree: John Steward, Jr.

Date(s): Saturday, October 2, 2021

Official Street Name(s): Intersection of Brunswick and Wright Streets

Ceremonial Intersection Name: "John Steward, Jr. Place"

Sponsor: Council Member, John Sharpe James

Additional Information:

WHEREAS, Ordinance 6PSF-f, adopted on May 20, 2015, authorizes the designation of an intersection, etc., for honorary and ceremonial purposes; and

WHEREAS, John Steward, Jr., was born July 13, 1934 in Albany, Georgia. Mr. Steward was employed for fourteen (14) years at General Motors located in Linden, New Jersey. He left the car industry to join his mother Amelia to work at her restaurant, "Stewards," where he worked by her side for twenty-five (25) years; and

WHEREAS, after Mr. Steward left his mother's restaurant he and his wife Dorothy started their own soul food restaurant known as John's Place. John's Place was famous for their cornbread and uptown tea and their customers included people in the neighborhood, clergy and well-known celebrities; and

WHEREAS, John Steward, Jr., was a collector of antique cars and his favorite was his 1974 white Stutz Blackhawk. Mr. Steward fed the citizens of Newark and shared a kind, quiet and inviting spirit that all will remember.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

1. The Municipal Council hereby authorizes the honorary and ceremonial renaming of the intersection of Brunswick and Wright Streets as "John Steward Jr. Place".
2. The official name of the said streets shall remain Brunswick and Wright Streets in their entirety.

STATEMENT

This resolution authorizes the renaming of the intersection of Brunswick and Wright Streets as

“John Steward Jr. Place”, for honorary and ceremonial purposes.