



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: Virginia A. Perry

Date(s): Monday, November 16, 2020

Official Street Name(s): Intersection of Lincoln Street and Court Street

Ceremonial Intersection Name: Virginia Perry Way

Sponsor: Council President, Mildred C. Crump

Additional Information:

WHEREAS, Ordinance 6PDF-e, adopted on May 20, 2015, authorizes the designation of an intersection, for honorary and ceremonial purposes; and

WHEREAS, Virginia A. Perry was born in Bassett, Virginia on January 22, 1937, the eldest of ten (10) children, who after the death of her mother at the age of seventeen (17), worked hard to help her widowed father care for her siblings; and

WHEREAS, after high school she later attended and graduated from the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore with a degree in Business Administration, where she met and later married the love of her life, Orlando K. Perry, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, after a successful teaching career in the cities of Newark and Roselle, she re-enrolled in mortuary school and received her funeral director's license in 1976, and joined her husband in the successful operation of Perry's Funeral Home, the family-owned business that provided an elegant yet comfortable setting for grieving families of all income persuasions, to receive home-going services with graciousness and ease; and

WHEREAS, after the passing of her husband in 1990, Virginia successfully assumed the role as President of Perry's Funeral, a position she held for twenty-eight (28) years; and

WHEREAS, Virginia was an iconic presence in Newark' social and civic circles where she remained unpretentious and unselfishly participated in many Newark civic, business and religious organizations over the years and received numerous community and humanitarian service awards for her dedication to Newark's progress.

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 Lincoln Street and Court Street as "Virginia Perry Way".

2. The official name of the said streets shall remain Lincoln Street and Court Street.

STATEMENT

This resolution authorizes the renaming of the intersection of Lincoln Street and Court Street as "Virginia Perry Way" for honorary and ceremonial purposes.