

City of Newark

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Legislation Text

File #: 21-0248, Version: 1

Dept/ Agency: Offices of Municipal Council/City Clerk **Action:** () Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending

Type of Service: Ceremonial Street Designation

Honoree: Nora G. Darden-McNeil **Date(s):** Saturday, April 24, 2021

Official Street Name(s): Intersection of Springfield Avenue and South 18th Street

Ceremonial Intersection Name: Nora G. Darden-McNeil Way

Sponsor: Council Member, John Sharpe James

Additional Information:

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

WHEREAS, Ms. Nora G. Darden-McNeil was born to a family of nine (9) siblings in Wilson, North Carolina in 1934, where she was affectionately known as "Baby Sista"; and

WHEREAS, after arriving in Newark as a young lady "Baby Sista", worked various jobs throughout the City with her sisters, eventually gravitating to the City's bustling night life and entertainment scene as a barmaid and, where her effervescent personality, poise and grace enamored her to all and, in great demand to work in the City's most popular night spots; and

WHEREAS, her entrepreneurial spirit led to several successful business ventures, including producing fashion shows and partnering in a restaurant, before venturing into social justice where she became a chef, retiring from the New Jersey Division of Justice, Law and Order; and

WHEREAS, despite her grueling Saturday night schedules, she was a faithful member of God's house on Sunday, and a leading vocalist in several choirs heard over the radio.

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

- 1. The Municipal Council does hereby authorize the honorary and ceremonial renaming of the intersection of Springfield Avenue and South 18th Street as "Nora G. Darden-McNeil Way".
- 2. The official name of the said streets shall remain Springfield Avenue and South 18th Street in their entirety.

STATEMENT

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This resolution authorizes the naming of the intersection of Springfield Avenue and South 18th Street as "Nora G. Darden-McNeil Way", for honorary and ceremonial purposes.