



## 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:** Bert R. Berry

**Date(s):** Thursday, May 16, 2024

**Official Street Name(s):** Intersection of 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue and South 8<sup>th</sup> Street

**Ceremonial Intersection Name:** "Bert R. Berry Way"

**Sponsor:** Council Member, Dupre L. Kelly

**Additional Information:**

The Ceremonial Street Dedication will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 1:00 P.M.

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

**WHEREAS**, Bert R. Berry, born on Bruce Street, February 12, 1930, in Newark, New Jersey, as a true scholarly individual, his journey through Newark's Robert Treat Elementary and Barringer High School was cap-stoned with a degree from Howard University and a Master's Degree from Montclair State College; and

**WHEREAS**, Bert R. Berry, began teaching in the City of Newark upon graduation from Howard University and ascended the educational ladder as a Department Chair, Vice-President Title 1 Coordinator, Principal at Chancellor Avenue School, and became the first Principal at 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue School, with a population over 4,600 students from 1972 through 1992; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the unprecedented size of Chancellor Avenue Elementary School as the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest school in New Jersey, he continued to provide assistance to various organization. His intuitiveness help found CASA, the Union for school administrators employed within the Newark Public School System; and

**WHEREAS**, Bert R. Berry throughout his professional career provided guidance to many. He led a school located within the West Ward community, but his reach far exceeded the West Ward, as an educator, administrator, father-figure and supporter of various community causes, his life and works impacted many residents throughout the City of Newark.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue and South 8<sup>th</sup> Street as "Bert R. Berry Way".
2. The official name of the said streets shall remain 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue and South 8<sup>th</sup> Street in their

entirety.

**STATEMENT**

This Resolution authorizes the naming of the intersection of 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue and South 8<sup>th</sup> Street as "Bert R. Berry Way" for honorary and ceremonial purposes.