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

WHEREAS, Newark born and raised, the Honorable John T. Jenkins, was one of the most successful African-American politicians in the history of Maine politics. He became the first African-American elected Mayor of Lewiston, Maine in 1994 and later went on win several other elected positions in Maine, including the State Senate and the Mayor of Auburn; and

WHEREAS, a distinguished alumnus of Maine's Bates College, Mr. Jenkins excelled in martial arts and upon his graduation toured Japan competing in the Karate World Championships, where he

won the 1977 Championship in karate, in addition to three (3) other mixed martial arts championships in Karate and Jiu-Jitsu; and

WHEREAS, an inspiring and gifted motivational speaker, community organizer and skilled politician, Mr. Jenkins ended his foray into Maine politics after an unsuccessful gubernatorial campaign in 2018.

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 Johnson Avenue and West Bigelow Street as “John T. Jenkins Way”.
2. The official name of the said streets shall remain Johnson Avenue and West Bigelow Street in their entirety.

STATEMENT

This Resolution authorizes the naming of the intersection of Johnson Avenue and West Bigelow Street as “John T. Jenkins Way”, for honorary and ceremonial purposes.