



City of Newark

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Newark, New Jersey 07102

Legislation Text

File #: 22-1344, Version: 1

Dept/ Agency: Offices of Municipal Council/City Clerk

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

Type of Service: Ceremonial Street Designation

Honoree: Theresa Clara Slade Cavaness

Date(s): To Be Determined

Official Street Name(s): Intersection of Osborne Terrace and Eckert Avenue

Ceremonial Intersection Name: "Theresa Cavaness Way"

Sponsor: Council Member, Louise Scott-Rountree

Additional Information:

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

WHEREAS, Theresa Clara Slade Cavaness was born January 11, 1924 in Uniontown, Alabama. Ms. Cavaness began playing the piano by ear at the age of three (3), received formal instruction at age four (4), and at age eleven (11) accepted her first position as a church organist at the Faith Temple Broadcasting Service of South Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cavaness attended the very prestigious High School in Philadelphia, Zecker-Hahn Conservatory (now the University of Arts) and in her senior year the family moved to Newark, New Jersey where she became a member of St. James AME Church in 1939 where she was a member until her death; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cavaness continued sharing her gifts in music with the New Jersey Philharmonic Glee Club, the Roland Hayes Glee Club, and the St. James Gospel Chorus. She met the love of her life during her senior year in high school at East Side High School and married John Cavaness on May 6, 1941 at St. James AME Church. Through this union of forty (40) years they had three (3) beautiful children. Theresa Clara Slade Cavaness will always be remembered for her love of music, family and God.

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 Osborne Terrace and Eckert Avenue "Theresa Cavaness Way."
2. The official name of the said streets shall remain Osborne Terrace and Eckert Avenue in their entirety.

STATEMENT

This Resolution authorizes the naming of the intersection of Osborne Terrace and Eckert Avenue "Theresa Cavaness Way", for honorary and ceremonial purposes.