

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2013-069

Approving the honorary naming of the 1100 block of Washington Street between Main Street and Assembly Street as "Sarah Mae Fleming Way"

WHEREAS, Sarah Mae Flemming exhibited unfathomable courage and boldness to challenge the unjust social construct of her day; and,

WHEREAS, by faith and unshakeable confidence in her inherent civil rights she on June 22, 1954 took a seat near the front of a segregated city bus operated by South Carolina Electric and Gas Company; and,

WHEREAS, by faith she graciously endured humiliation and argued against segregation on Columbia buses in the federal court of Columbia and then in the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, by faith she was victorious in her case, and razed significant legal obstacles for the civil rights movement in the City of Columbia and across the nation; and,

WHEREAS, her heroism, though unuttered for a time, served as the foundation for the success of the Browder v. Gayle U.S. Supreme Court case that was sparked by Rosa Parks' defiant deed; and,

WHEREAS, her immeasurable efforts forever changed the City of Columbia for the better; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED this 18th day of June, 2013, that the Mayor and City Council do hereby approve the honorary naming of the 1100 block of Washington Street between Main Street and Assembly Street as "Sarah Mae Fleming Way". The design and color of the honorary toppers shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Public Works.

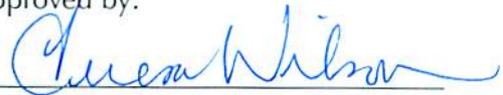
Requested by:

Mayor Benjamin



Mayor

Approved by:



City Manager

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

ATTEST:



City Clerk

Introduced: 6/18/2013
Final Reading: 6/18/2013

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