

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2018-096

Approving the Honorary naming of the 2100, 2200 and 2300 blocks of Greene Street between Harden Street and Heidt Street "Joy Holman Way"

WHEREAS, Joy Holman was born in Harlem, New York and raised by her maternal grandparents in Lexington, South Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Holman graduated from Lexington High School in 1974, having lettered and excelled in volleyball, basketball and track, she was also a varsity football cheerleader, team captain and most valuable player for the volleyball and basketball teams, and in 1993 was inducted into the Hall of Fame for her high school basketball career; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Holman attended Benedict College on a basketball scholarship where she served as captain and most valuable player in three sports - basketball, volleyball and softball. She also performed with the college's dance group, pledged Delta Sigma Theta and was named Ms. Basketball #6. Ms. Holman received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education in 1976 and continued her post-graduate studies at the University of South Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Holman played both the point and wing guard positions for three years in the first women's professional basketball league in the USA the Dayton Rockettes; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Holman worked for the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Division as a Park Leader then as an Athletic Specialist/Program Coordinator at Valley Park (now King Park) where she also coached and played Valley Girls Basketball, co-ed softball and volleyball while also playing softball with Lexington Community Softball teams, Alet's and the Ebony Ladies out of Columbia, the latter having won national and world titles; and,

WHEREAS, in 1985 she formed the Martin Luther King Double Dutch Jump Rope Team though she knew little about the sport, growing a four member team to over 100 jumpers who went on to win 338 state of South Carolina titles, 137 world titles, 99 2nd place world titles, 29 national titles and 5 grand national titles and se five national speed records. The Lil' Special Force team currently holds the world record in speed at 447 steps; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Holman dedicated her life's work to improving the lives of young people as a Development Program Instructor with the Babcock Center in Lexington where she worked with clients with mental and physical disabilities. She also taught physical education in the Aiken County School System in Cyril Busbee Elementary and A.L. Corbett Middle schools in Wagener, South Carolina before retiring in 2015. At Busbee she implemented a Double Dutch Program known as The Wagener Force winning state and world champions and recognition; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED this 2nd day of October, 2018, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia hereby approve the honorary naming of the 2100, 2200 and 2300 blocks of Greene Street between Harden Street and Heidt Street "Joy Holman Way". The design and color of the honorary toppers shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Public Works.

Requested by:

Councilmember McDowell

  
Mayor

Approved by:

  
City Manager

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

Introduced: 10/2/2018  
Final Reading: 10/2/2018

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# APPLICATION



## HONORARY STREET/FACILITY AND SITE RENAMING

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Please see submission checklist for materials necessary for application  
**SUBMISSION MATERIALS MUST ACCOMPANY APPLICATION**  
Application form and materials are **DUE AT 4:00 p.m.** thirty (30) days prior to ceremony.

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Is the designation:  Street naming  
 Facility and site naming

Checklist:  Application  
 Council Member Sponsor  
 Letter(s) of Support

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Vivian Clark-Armstead  
Applicant Signature\*

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September 12, 2018  
Date

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*Check and initial each box in this section acknowledging application requirements.*

VCA Signage wording cannot exceed twenty-six characters

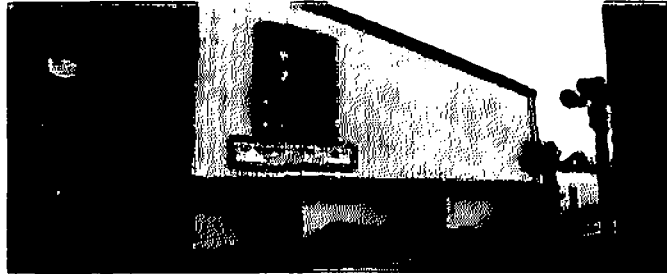
VCA Any changes to initial request must be made no more than 20 days prior to ceremony

VCA Signage wording and resolution will be finalized 15 days prior to ceremony

VCA Applicant must provide letter(s) of support from neighborhood association, institution or business(s) impacted by the proposed renaming street, facility or site

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Martin Luther King-Lower Waverly Neighborhood Association



Councilman Edward McDowell  
City Council  
September 12, 2018

Dear Councilman McDowell,

As President of the Martin Luther King Neighborhood Association, allow me to extend our support to the honorary street dedication naming of Greene Street starting at the corner of Greene & Harden and ending at the corner of Greene & Height Street in honor of Ms. Joy Holman.

This dual correspondence is submitted officially to request that City Council approve our submission that the portrait of Joy Holman be placed back on the wall of the facility. Many citizens from MLK-Lower Waverly have approached me and questioned her removal as she is a positive legacy. We humbly request that City Council ensure that her portrait remains as a tribute to her many accomplishments.

Ms. Joy Holman dedicated her life's work to improving the lives of young people through the formation in 1985 of the Martin Luther King Double Dutch Jump Rope Team. Under her leadership, teams from different age groups won 324 state titles, 139 world titles, 28 nationals and five national speed records, according to the Double Dutch Forces website. They won several titles at last year's American Double Dutch League World Invitational Championship.

Beyond the competitive recognitions, Joy is remembered as a mentor and positive force in the lives of young people. Joy was competitive; she challenged young people to strive to do their very best. Her dedication to the sport of Double Dutch and her love of community will be an example for all of us for years to come. She was their coach, friend, mentor and example for the young people whom lives she touched. Ms. Holman also set the example for the community at large, she set the mark high for those of us who are left to carry the torch. She allowed those around her to dream, to look at the world from different places, people and things, to grow into a community that dared to care. It is with great pride and honor that we the Martin Luther King Neighborhood Association place the name of Joy Holman before you for consideration in the Honorary Street naming of Greene Street.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vivian Clark-Armstead".

Vivian Clark-Armstead  
President-- MLK Neighborhood Association