

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2019-091

*Approving the Honorary naming of the 100, 200, 300, 400, 500 and 600 blocks of Juniper Street between David Street and Farrow Road "Emily England Clyburn Way"*

WHEREAS, Mrs. Emily England Clyburn was born in Moncks Corner, South Carolina to Mr. Peter "PJ" England and Mrs. Mattie McCants England. She graduated from Berkeley Training High School in Moncks Corner, before earning a bachelor's degree in Library Science from then South Carolina State College (SCSU) and was a longtime member of Morris Brown AME Church in Charleston; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Clyburn met her future husband, U.S. Representative Jim Clyburn, after being arrested at a civil rights demonstration in Orangeburg. They married a year later, raised three daughters, Mignon L. Clyburn, Jennifer Clyburn Reed and Angela Clyburn, and celebrated their fifty-eighth (58th) wedding anniversary in June, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, after graduation from SCSU, Mrs. Clyburn served as a public school librarian in Columbia and Charleston, and as a medical librarian at the Charleston Naval Base and Dorn VA Medical Center in Columbia for over thirty years. She also established the library program at W.G. Sanders Middle School (formerly Fairwold Middle School) in Columbia; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Clyburn's desire for students to obtain a higher education lead her to hold countless fundraising events, establish a scholarship program at SCSU and help in the re-establishment of SCSU's Honors College. She also contributed both financially and of her time to the Girl Scouts and was awarded the Woman of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of South Carolina-Mountains to Midlands; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Clyburn's personal connection and commitment to veterans led her to encourage her husband to join the Veterans Affairs Committee after being elected to Congress, as she lost her only brother during his service in the Army, and an uncle serving on the USS Arizona in the attack on Pearl Harbor; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Clyburn was a motivating force behind her husband's political career, and he frequently sought advice from her, calling her his "most severe outside-the-beltway critic"; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Clyburn was included in a 2007 documentary produced through the I. DeQuincey Newman Institute for Peace and Social Justice about ten notable black women from South Carolina, received an honorary doctorate from SCSU in 2010, and in 2018 had a pedestrian bridge at SCSU named in her honor for her years of service and dedication to SCSU, the community and state of South Carolina; NOW, THEREFORE

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BE IT RESOLVED this 1st day of October, 2019, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia hereby approve the honorary naming of the 100, 200, 300, 400, 500 and 600 blocks of Juniper Street between David Street and Farrow Road "Emily England Clyburn 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: 10/1/2019

Final Reading: 10/1/2019