

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2017-019

Approving the honorary naming of the intersection of Elmwood Avenue and Barhamville Road "Deacon Moses Felder Square"

WHEREAS, Moses Felder was born and raised in Columbia, South Carolina; graduated from C.A. Johnson High School; attended Voorhees College; studied barbering at Denmark Technology School in Denmark, South Carolina; and attended Bonner Business School in Atlanta, Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, Deacon Felder is a long time member of Second Nazareth Baptist Church, having served as the Chairman of the Deacon's Ministry since 1992 and as a church trustee since 2001; and,

WHEREAS, Deacon Felder grew up getting haircuts from John Hill, the original owner of Hills Barbershop, and would regularly visit and watch Mr. Hill at work. As a young man, Deacon Felder went to work for Mr. Hill and purchased the business after Mr. Hill's passing in 1968; and,

WHEREAS, Deacon Felder has always been engaged with his customers getting to know them and their families; some customers stop in just for the conversation and many have become life-long customers, who now bring their children in for haircuts. Deacon Felder never turned a customer away, if they were unable to pay he would find chores or errands for them to do and would encourage them to attend church; and,

WHEREAS, Deacon Felder is actively involved in the Waverly Community; serves on the boards of the Benedict-Allen Community Development Corporation and C.A. Johnson Alumna Association; is a member of the Palmetto Barber Association, having served as its president for eight years; and,

WHEREAS, Deacon Felder was awarded the Top Community Service Award for the Waverly Community and Man of the Year by the Second Nazareth Baptist Church, and served as an original member of the Drew Wellness Center Advisory Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the community has so much respect and appreciation for Deacon Felder that they raised funds to do a surprise renovation of the barbershop while he was on vacation; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED this 7th day of February, 2017, that the Mayor and Columbia City Council do hereby approve the honorary naming of the intersections of Elmwood Avenue and Barhamville Road "Deacon Moses Felder Square". The design and color of the honorary toppers shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Public Works.

Requested by:

Councilmember Devine and
Councilmember McDowell



Mayor

Approved by:



City Manager

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

ATTEST:



City Clerk

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