

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 240825)

RESOLUTION

Renaming 5800 N. 12th Street to “Shirley Gregory Way”, in honor of her remarkable contributions to the community and her lifelong dedication to public service.

WHEREAS, Shirley Ann Jones Gregory, born to Hattie and Harry Jones, has been a dedicated resident of Philadelphia, exemplifying community spirit from her early years in Philadelphia Public Schools, where she not only excelled but also helped raise her four brothers and four sisters as the eldest sibling; and

WHEREAS, After marrying Alvah Bruce Gregory, Sr., she and her husband raised four children—Bruce, Jr., Sheri, Shannon, and Shelly—initially residing in Germantown, where they actively volunteered in the community and supported local elected officials and Black business owners; and

WHEREAS, In 1970, Mrs. Gregory moved her family to the Olney area, where they became homeowners, further deepening her commitment to community service; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gregory dedicated many years to the Podiatrist Abram Plon in Elkins Park, and later served as a Special Assistant to Congressman Thomas Foglietta and Congressman Robert Brady, as well as with the Democratic City Committee, leaving a legacy of dedication and service; and

WHEREAS, As the former District Director, Special Assistant, 49th Ward Leader, and Executive Member of the Democratic City Committee, she tirelessly served her community and constituents for nearly fifty years, addressing critical RCO, zoning, and legal issues; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gregory played a pivotal role in guiding individuals into the Armed Forces and enhancing the quality of life for constituents through job opportunities; and

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WHEREAS, Known for her commitment to helping others, she provided invaluable assistance in applying for housing and various essential programs, serving neighborhoods from South Philadelphia to East Oak Lane; and

WHEREAS, As a political force in the 49th Ward for four decades, she supported committee members, judges, City councilpersons, State Representatives, Governors, Senators, and Presidential Candidates, ensuring their success in public office; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Shirley Gregory adores her family, including her grandchildren Shiana, Zahir, and Jeremiah, as well as her great-grandchildren Aaniyah, Nia, and Jazmin; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gregory's legacy of service, advocacy, and unwavering dedication to the 49th Ward, particularly in Logan, East Oak Lane, Fern Rock, and Olney, has significantly impacted countless lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That 5800 N. 12th Street be renamed "Shirley Gregory Way", to honor her remarkable contributions to the community and her lifelong dedication to public service.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this Resolution be presented to Shirley Gregory as an expression of the admiration and respect of this legislative body.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the tenth day of October, 2024.

Kenyatta Johnson
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum
INTERIM CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Phillips

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Phillips, Gilmore Richardson, Brooks,
O'Rourke, Driscoll, Squilla and Ahmad