



City of Philadelphia

City Council
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RESOLUTION NO. 210017

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Councilmember Johnson

RESOLUTION

Also naming the 7000 block of Woodland Avenue “Paul ‘Earthquake’ Moore Way” to honor and celebrate Paul “Earthquake” Moore for a lifetime of devoted service to the Southwest Philadelphia community.

WHEREAS, Reverend Paul “Earthquake” Moore was a longtime resident of Southwest Philadelphia. He was an alumnus of John Bartram High School and a former resident of Paschall Homes; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Moore’s career was remarkable and varied. It included time spent as a junior welterweight professional boxer where he earned the nickname “Earthquake.” It also included small roles in feature films such as *Philadelphia* and *Beloved*. Rev. Moore also worked more than 25 years with the Streets Department and served in the PA National Guard for 27 years, with 2 years of active duty. Moreover, Rev. Moore also formerly served as an associate minister at New Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in Southwest Philadelphia, as well as a Police Department chaplain; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Moore was a longtime Philadelphia activist, also known as the “People’s Champ.” He worked tirelessly against violence, mentoring youth, and helping the poor, over three decades. He was a strong advocate for young people and seniors, and a champion for Southwest Philadelphia Community; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Moore was renowned for his coordinated community events such as the 24 Hour Food-A-Thon, Annual Celebrity Turkey Run & Giveaway, the Community Claus, MLK Day of Service, Weekend of Peace and several other outreach efforts. He was also active in many peace marches over the years to denounce the bloodshed on the streets amid the City’s gun violence. Reverend Moore’s work for children was extensive and he would conduct boot camps to mentor at-risk youth; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Moore's work in the community included service the Board of Directors of Southwest Community Development Corporation, and resulted in his receipt of the Wrice-Campbell Award for Neighborhood Safety; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Moore also served as an energetic radio personality for the Primetime Power Show, which premiered in September 2014. The show featured his passion for spirituality, empowerment, community awareness, and discussion of real, relevant issues & inspiration; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Moore had a great love for his community and he was truly the “People’s Champ,” living his life in service to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Also names the 7000 block of Woodland Avenue “Paul ‘Earthquake’ Moore Way” to honor and celebrate Paul “Earthquake” Moore for a lifetime of devoted service to the Southwest Philadelphia community.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Paul “Earthquake” Moore, further evidencing the sincere admiration and respect of this legislative body.