



City of Philadelphia

City Council
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RESOLUTION NO. 240751

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Councilmember Phillips

RESOLUTION

Renaming Stenton Avenue and Washington Lane to "Isabella Fitzgerald Way" to honor her significant impact on the community.

WHEREAS, State Representative Isabella Fitzgerald, affectionately known as Izzy, has been a dedicated resident of West Oak Lane for over 40 years and a proud member of Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Representative Fitzgerald embodies her motto, "Let's Keep Moving Forward," through her exceptional commitment to advocacy and community service, earning numerous titles and honors throughout her distinguished career, including: Mother, grandmother, concerned neighbor; Ward Secretary, Ward Treasurer, and Ward Leader; Founding member and Chairperson of the Northwest CommUnity Coalition for Youth; Board and Planning Committee member of Women of Faith and Hope, a breast cancer self-help support organization; Public Safety Area Coordinator for the 14th Police District; Special Assistant to U.S. Representative Robert A. Brady; and Legislative Assistant for former State Representative and current Congressman Dwight Evans; and

WHEREAS, In November 2016, Representative Fitzgerald attained a new role as State Representative for the 203rd Legislative District in Northwest Philadelphia, a position she fulfills with remarkable dedication and passion; and

WHEREAS, Representative Fitzgerald's resilience and determination are evident in her overcoming personal and professional challenges, pursuing higher education while raising a family, and addressing critical issues such as neighborhood safety; and

WHEREAS, Her advocacy for Youth Safety, Women's Health Issues, Economic Development, and Education, as well as her active participation in committees including Human Services, State Government, Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness, the PA Legislative Black Caucus,

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Penn SERVE, and the Philadelphia Delegation, exemplifies her unwavering commitment to the community; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of her distinguished career, Representative Fitzgerald achieved remarkable milestones. Her efforts in championing policies that fostered economic development, enhanced public safety, and improved educational opportunities made a significant impact on countless lives. Her leadership in advancing healthcare initiatives and her tireless work in supporting youth programs earned her widespread respect and admiration; and

WHEREAS, The renaming of Stenton Avenue and Washington Lane to “Isabella Fitzgerald Way” will honor her visionary leadership, tireless dedication, and significant impact on the community, and serve as a lasting tribute to her legacy and her guiding principle, “Let’s Keep Moving Forward”; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That Stenton Avenue and Washington Lane be renamed “Isabella Fitzgerald Way” to recognize and celebrate the exceptional service and contributions of State Representative Isabella Fitzgerald.