

Legislation Text

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Renaming the 4200 block of Markland Street “David Howarth Way” to recognize, honor, and celebrate the life and legacy of David Howarth for his dedication to the Juniata Park Community.

WHEREAS, Dave Howarth, born on May 17, 1967 and proud father of Elizabeth and Christina, was an active member of the Juniata Park Civic Association, Juniata Park Town Watch, the 24th Police District Advisory Council, and was also the Vice President of the Juniata Action Committee where he helped coordinate Juniata Fest, the Juniata parade, and several neighborhood cleanups; and

WHEREAS, David Howarth grew up in the Carl Mackley Apartments at the corner of Cayuga Street and Castor Avenue, spending the first twenty-one years of his life waking up to look out a third floor window at the Cayuga Traffic Triangle that he would later in his final year of life see turned into an attractive Rain Garden through the efforts of the Juniata Action Committee and other stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, On Thursday, July 13th, 2017 David passed away suddenly at the age of 50. Community members were shocked to learn of his death, as he spent the evening of July 11th with community members at the Juniata Park Civic Association monthly meeting and even made a motion on the floor for a zoning case, in what was his final meeting; and

WHEREAS, David was well respected throughout the Juniata Park community where many remember him for his willingness to lend a helping hand to anyone in need and his enthusiasm, which has been a positive influence throughout the Juniata Park community. David made a positive impact on the many people who have been enriched by his knowledge and enhanced by his wisdom; and

WHEREAS, We in this council, join in recognizing and honoring the life and legacy of David Howarth and hope that the renaming of the 4200 block of Markland Street between E. Hunting Park Avenue and E. Bristol Street, will keep his memory alive, as a reminder of his service and dedication to the community through his service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That 4200 Block of Markland Street is also named “David Howarth Way”.