

Legislation Text

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Also naming that part of Allegheny Avenue from Ridge Avenue to Sedgley Avenue as "Roxanne H. Jones Avenue."

WHEREAS, Roxanne H. Jones was known as a "dynamic champion of the people;" and

WHEREAS, During the 1960s, Roxanne H. Jones served as chairperson of the Philadelphia Welfare Rights Organization where her unique and fiery leadership raised membership from six hundred to three thousand; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, Roxanne H. Jones became the first African American woman elected to the Pennsylvania State Senate where she served the 3rd Senatorial District for twelve years; and

WHEREAS, Senator Jones spearheaded many initiatives including: Act 62 of 1987, known today as "New Directions," which established a job training program for welfare recipients that has enabled tens of thousands of Pennsylvanians to find jobs; the creation of residential treatment centers for drug and alcohol dependent women with children; and, affordable housing programs; and

WHEREAS, Senator Jones has served as a board member and has been honored by over twenty organizations ranging from local to national affiliations; and

WHEREAS, She truly dedicated her life to raising the standard of living for all people; now, therefore

Resolved, by the Council of the City of Philadelphia, That that part of Allegheny Avenue from Ridge Avenue to Sedgley Avenue shall also be known as "Roxanne H. Jones Avenue."