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Renaming the 400 block of E. Rittenhouse Street “Dione Johns Dancy Way” to honor Dione Johns Dancy for her tireless service to the Germantown Community and Philadelphia at-Large.

WHEREAS, Dione Johns Dancy was born to Theresa Johns and Aubrey James Meyers at Pennsylvania Hospital on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 1966; and

WHEREAS, Dione grew up in Germantown and was educated in the Philadelphia public school system at Fulton Elementary School and later Germantown High School; and

WHEREAS, At Germantown High, Dione showed herself to be very scholarly and became involved in numerous clubs and after-school activities. She was extremely popular and, incidentally, was voted Prom Queen; and

WHEREAS, Dione’s love and passion for styling hair and her entrepreneurial capabilities began at the age of 15 years old, as she began styling girls hair for a fee with numerous clients seeking her services weekly; and

WHEREAS, After graduating high school, Dione enrolled in cosmetology school to expand her knowledge of haircare and perfect her skills and abilities; and

WHEREAS, During this period, Dione became affiliated with Ruth Harper’s Modeling and Charm School where she excelled and began enrolling in regional beauty pageants including the Miss Ebony Pennsylvania Pageant. Her talent was singing; and

WHEREAS, After completing cosmetology school, Dione spent the next 5-years employed with ELASTA Hair Products, traveling across the country to hair shows demonstrating different hair styling techniques while utilizing the company’s products; and

WHEREAS, Dione later decided to open her own beauty salon in Nicetown, and later moved the business to West Philadelphia where she operated for many years; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, Dione has served as an inspiration for many young women in the community, mentoring them on how to successfully launch and manage careers in cosmetology; and

WHEREAS, Dione, after marrying Mr. John Dancy, relocated to Schwenksville, Pennsylvania in 2011, but remained very involved in the Philadelphia area by founding Another Level, LLC through which she provided event planning services throughout the region including hosting charity events, special celebrations and additionally serving as personal representative for various political candidates. Her success as a facilitator was so well known that she was sought out to assist candidates from both major political parties in various roles across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Her focus was community engagement, equality for change and voter registration; and

WHEREAS, Dione also being an activist for various community concerns, supported the “He” Brews Ministry by assisting underprivileged and disadvantaged members in the community in countless ways; and

WHEREAS, Known affectionately as “The Queen of G-Town,” Mrs. Johns Dancy’s commitment to her profession and her community serves as an example for generations of Philadelphians. Her life will be remembered by this memorial of renaming the intersection of Rittenhouse and Magnolia Streets in her honor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby renames the 400 block of E. Rittenhouse Street “Dione Johns Dancy Way” to honor Dione Johns Dancy for her tireless service to the Germantown Community, Philadelphia at-Large, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Mrs. Johns Dancy as a token of the sincere admiration of this legislative body.