



# City of Philadelphia

City Council  
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## RESOLUTION NO. 260354

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Councilmember Jones

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## RESOLUTION

Renaming the 5300 Block of Kershaw Street as “Stan Lathan Way” to honor Stan Lathan and his extraordinary contributions to television and culture.

WHEREAS, Stan Lathan, a Philadelphia native, was raised at 5313 Kershaw Street in the Overbrook community, where his early experiences helped shape the vision and voice he would later bring to American television; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of an extraordinary career spanning more than five decades, Stan Lathan has become one of the most influential directors and producers in the history of American television; and

WHEREAS, His groundbreaking work includes directing and producing iconic programs such as Sanford and Son and Sesame Street, each of which has left an indelible mark on American culture and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, Stan Lathan played a pivotal role in elevating Black voices and storytelling through the creation and production of culturally transformative platforms including Def Comedy Jam and Def Poetry Jam, which introduced and amplified generations of artists, comedians, and spoken word performers; and

WHEREAS, His creative vision has helped launch and shape the careers of countless performers, including his collaboration on landmark comedy specials with Dave Chappelle, further cementing his legacy as a pioneer of modern comedy; and

WHEREAS, Through his work, Stan Lathan has consistently championed authentic representation and artistic excellence, helping to redefine the landscape of American television and expand opportunities for underrepresented voices; and

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WHEREAS, His achievements stand as a source of pride for the City of Philadelphia and serve as an enduring inspiration to young people from Overbrook and beyond who aspire to careers in the arts and media; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby honors and recognizes Stan Lathan for his outstanding contributions to television, culture, and the advancement of Black voices in media.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this Resolution be presented to Stan Lathan as an expression of the sincere respect and admiration of this legislative body.