

Wilmington, Delaware  
November 16, 2017

**#4447**

**Sponsors:**

**Council  
Members  
Turner  
Guy**

**WHEREAS**, Wilmington City Council has enacted Section 2-3 of the Wilmington City Code regarding the authorization and procedures for naming City streets, parks, playgrounds, plazas, buildings, facilities, statues, monuments, and other lands reserved for public use in order to commemorate a particular person and his/her social significance to the City; and

**Co-Sponsor:**

**Council  
Member  
Chukwuocha**

**WHEREAS**, Section 2-3 states that if it is proposed that a part of, or any facility within, a street or reserved land that is subject to this section be named or renamed in honor of or dedicated to any person, place or event that is different from the rest of it or that is different than that within which it is located, such naming or renaming may be done by resolution of City Council pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, while retaining the name of the rest of the street or park or other reserved land within which the park facility or object so dedicated is located; and

**WHEREAS**, The William “Hicks” Anderson Community Center, located on the corner of 5th and Madison Streets in Wilmington, was named in honor of William “Hicks” Anderson, a youth and community advocate who worked tirelessly to improve quality of life for residents living in the City’s disadvantaged and underrepresented communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wilmington City Council and the community of West Center City wish to honor Matt Chittum, a life-long resident of West Center City and former basketball star, by naming the indoor basketball court at William “Hicks” Anderson Community Center (WHACC) the “Matt Chittum Court” while retaining the significance of the community center’s original name; and

**WHEREAS**, Matt Chittum’s accomplishments as a basketball player include winning several league championships while playing on the City’s youth league at WHACC and playing for an international league alongside such future celebrated players as Alonzo Mourning and Grant Hill; and

**WHEREAS**, although his promising career was cut short by a serious illness, Matt Chittum, or “Matty C” as he is affectionately known, continues to exemplify the values of good sportsmanship by acting as a positive role for youth in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, to honor his accomplishments both on and off the basketball court, the City of Wilmington has created a youth basketball league named the “Matt Chittum Basketball League” that is intended to further develop the skills and talent of the young men and women who regularly play basketball at WHACC while also fostering a sense of community and reinforcing the importance of education among these youth.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON**, that City Council hereby resolves to name the indoor basketball court at the William “Hicks” Anderson Community Center the “Matt Chittum Court.”

Passed by City Council,

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

Approved as to form this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of November, 2017.

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Senior Assistant City Solicitor

**SYNOPSIS:** This Resolution approves naming of the indoor basketball court at the William “Hicks” Anderson Community Center the “Matt Chittum Court.”