

AN ORDINANCE NAMING THE CONCORD AND MADISON TRIANGLE AS THE BEATRES R. DUNN TRIANGLE

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Sponsor:

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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 their social significance to the City; and

WHEREAS, one lifelong Wilmingtonian worthy of such an honor is Beatres R. Dunn who passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on March 6, 2021.

WHEREAS, Ms. Dunn was born in Wilmington and a graduate of Howard High School. Ms. Dunn worked as a teacher at David W. Harlan Elementary School, Burnett Middle School, and with the Title One program at Stubbs Elementary School. She was a mother of nine, an avid softball player, a member of the Women’s Auxiliary, and still found time to feed and clothe many of her neighbors in their times of need; and

WHEREAS, community advocacy and activism was deeply important to Ms. Dunn. She was a warrior and a community activist for the impoverished and forgotten in her local community. She led her children in a “Sit In” in the Mayor’s office, was an active member of the Women’s Auxiliary, and traveled extensively with the NAACP to fight for equal rights for all families. Ms. Dunn worked tirelessly until her death assisting her neighbors; and

WHEREAS, “Ms. Riverside” as she came to be known for her tireless outreach in the community never ceased caring for her community. Ms. Dunn hosted outdoor movies nights for children during the summer months, she worked with the Wilmington Department of Parks and Recreation’s summer lunch program, and was a mentor for countless children from disadvantaged backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, her community and City Council wish to recognize the generous and caring spirit of Beatres R. Dunn, who brought so much light and love to those around her. She gave selflessly to her family, friends, and community, and is an exemplary model of what it means to be a public servant and give back to her community; and

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2022, the City Planning Commission voted to recommend Resolution 5-22: A proposal naming the Concord and Madison Triangle bounded by Concord Avenue, Madison Street and 23rd Street, to “Ms. Beatres Dunn Triangle;” attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the meaningful and demonstrative impact that this prominent Wilmingtonian has had, City Council wishes to name the Concord and Madison Triangle as the “Beatres R. Dunn Triangle.”

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
HEREBY ORDAINS:**

SECTION 1. The parcel bounded by Concord Avenue, North Madison St., and West Twenty-Third Street shall be known as the “Beatres R. Dunn Triangle,” in recognition of Beatres Dunn and her significant contributions to the City of Wilmington.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective upon its passage by City Council and approval by the Mayor.

First Reading June 2, 2022
Second Reading June 2, 2022
Third Reading

Passed by City Council,

President of City Council

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Approved this ___ day of _____, 2022

Mayor

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance names the Concord and Madison triangle as the “Beatres R. Dunn Triangle,” in recognition of Beatres Dunn and her significant contributions to the City of Wilmington.

Fiscal Impact: This Ordinance has no significant anticipated fiscal impact.