



# Louisville Metro Government

## Legislation Text

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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_, SERIES 2018**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING REV. JAMES ELIJAH MILLER BY DEDICATING GOLDEN RULE WAY BETWEEN 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO BE NAMED "DR. JAMES E. MILLER WAY" IN HIS HONOR.**

**SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER SEXTON SMITH**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. James Elijah Miller was born on July 2, 1936 in Dallas, Texas to Eddie and Sarah Banks Miller;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Miller was raised by his mother and his stepfather, George Butler, and loved spending time with his grandmother, Cora Burks, who imparted a wealth of knowledge upon him that he used throughout his lifetime;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Miller received degrees from both Butler College and Dallas Theological Seminary;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Miller began preaching as a teenager at Beulah Baptist Church in Texas, and later preached at Greater Galilee Baptist Church in Oklahoma before being called to serve in Louisville;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. James was the Pastor of Lampton Baptist Church in Louisville for 44 years, and after retirement he joined Christ's Church of Our Community as appointed as an Associate Pastor;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Miller has served the Louisville community for over 40 years in various ways including the following: hosted the Annual Martin Luther King Memorial Program, was an active member of the NAACP's State Conference and an integral part of the 1979 NAACP National Convention in Louisville, and Mayor Harvey Sloane appointed him as Board Commissioner of the

Housing Authority of Louisville where he served for 10 years and also awarded him with the key to the City of Louisville;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Miller was married to the late Doris Fay Lyons and had four children, Rev. Joel Miller, Rev. David Miller, JoAnna Harlan, and DeAnna Miller-Wooden;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Miller passed away on September 2, 2018, and leaves behind his children, sisters, and many grandchildren, godchildren and great grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council would like to thank Dr. Miller for his service to the Louisville community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION I:** Dr. Miller’s service to Louisville Metro is hereby recognized with the placement of honorary street signs on Golden Rule Way at the corners of both 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Street next to the Immanuel Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky, and so designated as “Dr. James E. Miller Way.”

**SECTION II:** The Department of Public Works is hereby directed to move forward with the fabrication and installation of two honorary signs upon the passage of this Resolution and the receipt of funds to cover the expense.

**SECTION III:** This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

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Stephen Ott Metro Council Clerk

H. \_\_\_\_\_ David  
James President of the Council

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Greg Fischer Mayor

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Approval Date

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:**

Michael J. O’Connell  
Jefferson County Attorney

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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