



# Louisville Metro Government

## Legislation Text

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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_, SERIES 2016  
A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF CARL R. HINES, SR.**

**SPONSORED BY: COUNCILWOMAN HAMILTON**

**WHEREAS**, Carl R. Hines, Sr. served our community for many years as a well-known and respected leader, most notably as a member of the Louisville Board of Education and Kentucky State Representative from 1977-1986.

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Hines was born in Louisville, Kentucky in 1931 to Fredrick Hines, an insurance agent, and Ruth Hines.

**WHEREAS**, after graduating from Central High School in 1949, Mr. Hines went to college at the University of Illinois until he joined the air force in 1951 during the Korean War. Mr. Hines earned the Air Force Distinguished Flying Cross for his service in Korea.

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Hines resumed his studies at the University of Illinois and then transferred to the University of Louisville. After attending law school at the University of Louisville, he opened a real estate business. Carl R. Hines Realty was located at 1300 W. Broadway where it thrived through the early years of the twenty-first century.

**WHEREAS**, Throughout the 1960s and 1970s, Hines was deeply involved in Louisville's African American community, serving as a board member of the city's National Association for the Advancement of Colored People branch (NAACP), the Shawnee District Boy Scouts of America, president of Just Men's Civic and Social Club, a long-standing member of the Epicurean Club, and executive secretary of the Louisville and Jefferson County Community Action Committee.

**WHEREAS**, In August 1968, Mr. Hines was appointed and began serving on the Louisville Board of Education. In 1972, he was re-elected and became a member of the Jefferson County Board of Education after the city and county school systems merged in 1975.

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Hines was instrumental in overseeing the desegregation of Louisville of Louisville's Public schools that accompanied the merger.

**WHEREAS**, In November 1977, Mr. Hines became the first black state representative elected from Louisville's 43<sup>rd</sup> District in the General Assembly, where he served for nearly a decade.

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Hines sponsored many important pieces of legislation, including a bill that raised Kentucky's minimum wage and another that substituted contemporary language for the offensive line referring to "darkies" in the song "MY Old Kentucky Home."

**WHEREAS**, Governor Martha Layne Collins appointed Mr. Hines to serve on the Medicaid program Review Team and as a Kentucky delegate to the 1985 Education Commission of the States.

**WHEREAS**, during Mr. Hines time as State Representative, he also served as a member of the Executive Committee of the National Black Caucus of Black Legislators.

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Hines remained active in the city, serving as the executive director of Housing Opportunity Center, a board member of the Louisville Housing Commission, and a member of the Neighborhood Advisory Committee for the drafting of the Shawnee Neighborhood Plan.

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Hines passed away on September 7, 2016. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Teresa Churchill Hines; children, Carl R. Hines Jr. (Michelle), Keith J. Hines Sr. (Annette), Cheryl Cooper (Philip) and Corey Hines (Shannon); 8 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT (THE COUNCIL) AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION I:** The Metro Council hereby adopts this Resolution Honoring the Life of Carl R. Hines, Sr. and urges the citizens of Metro Louisville to take notice.

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

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Stephen Ott Metro Council Clerk

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David Yates  
President of the Council

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Fischer Mayor

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Date

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:**

Michael J. O'Connell  
Jefferson County Attorney

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

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