



# Louisville Metro Government

## Legislation Text

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

**A RESOLUTION HONORING MS. MATTIE F. JONES BY DEDICATING THE INTERSECTION OF LOUIS COLEMAN DRIVE AND RIVER PARK DRIVE AS "MATTIE F. JONES WAY" IN HER HONOR.**

**SPONSORED BY: COUNCILWOMAN CHERI BRYANT HAMILTON**

**WHEREAS**, Mattie Florence Johnson was born to Tommy and Mattie Johnson in Memphis, Tennessee on March 28, 1933, and had two brothers, Tommy and Troy; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Mattie moved to Louisville, Kentucky in 1940, and graduated from Central High School in 1951 before attending Indiana University, Morgan State University, and Spalding University; and

**WHEREAS**, Mattie Jones was married to Turner Harris Jones for 53 years and they had eight biological children, one adopted child, over 100 foster children (between 1957 and 1998), 23 grandchildren, and 31 great grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, Mattie and Turner Jones raised their children to be caring, respectful to others, and socially conscious while nurturing them at their residence at 3404 River Park Drive, which is known as a place of faith, love, and fellowship; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1970, Ms. Mattie Jones became the first Director of the California Community Daycare Center, and in 1975 became active with the Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression where she served as Executive Director from 1980 to 1989; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1990, Ms. Mattie Jones became the Racial and Economic Justice Coordinator for the Fellowship of Reconciliation located in Nyack, New York, where during her time there she organized the *Women of Color in the Workplace* conference addressing the issues of sex discrimination,

equitable employment practices, and safe working condition for women of color; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Mattie Jones' unwavering commitment to equality and justice led her to the Justice Resource Center in Louisville in 2000 where she continued to fight alongside Reverend Louis Coleman; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Mattie Jones has worked tirelessly throughout her life battling injustice, brutality, inequality, and discrimination in Louisville and anywhere the fight took her for over six decades; and

**WHEREAS**, Mattie Jones can still be seen addressing injustices with a raised fist, while vocally challenging the community and country to do what is equitable and just for all citizens.

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

**SECTION I:** Ms. Mattie Jones' life and service to Louisville Metro is hereby recognized with the placement of two honorary street signs at the corner of Louis Coleman Jr Drive and River Park Drive and one at the corner of 35<sup>th</sup> Street and River Park Drive in Louisville, Kentucky, and so designated as "Mattie F. Jones Way."

**SECTION II:** The Department of Public Works is hereby directed to move forward with fabrication and installation of 4 honorary signs, including one to be presented to Ms. Mattie Jones 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

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President of the Council

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Greg Fischer Mayor

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Approval Date

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:**

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