

A RESOLUTION

22-712

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

December 18, 2018

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to symbolically designate the 300 block of E Street, S.W., in Ward 6, as Hidden Figures Way.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Hidden Figures Way Designation Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2018”.

Sec. 2. (a) There exists an immediate need to symbolically designate the 300 block of E Street, S.W., in Ward 6, as “Hidden Figures Way.”

(b) On August 23, 2018, S. 3370, the Hidden Figures Way Designation Act, was introduced in the United States Senate by Senators Ted Cruz (R-TX), Bill Nelson (D-FL), John Thune (R-SD), and Ed Markey (D-MA). That legislation sought to designate the 300 block of E Street, S.W. as “Hidden Figures Way.”

(c) The Council has the authority to adopt legislation symbolically designating street names in the District of Columbia without congressional action.

(d) Permanent legislation, the Hidden Figures Way Designation Act of 2018, passed on 2nd reading on December 18, 2018 (Enrolled version of Bill 22-965), will not become law for several months due to congressional review.

(e) The lead cosponsor of the Senate bill, Bill Nelson (D-FL) will not return to serve in the 116th Congress. However, NASA and the space program are important to the state of Florida.

(f) Adoption of emergency legislation will allow the symbolic designation first contemplated in the Senate bill to become effective while Senator Nelson is still in office.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia finds that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Hidden Figures Way Designation Emergency Act of 2018 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.