

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act 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) Bill 22-965, the “Hidden Figures Way Designation Act of 2018” is expected to be adopted on final reading by the Council on December 18, 2018 but will not become law for several months due to congressional review.

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

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

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

41 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.