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An Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

-2021

**DECLARING** that Rockdale Avenue at Washington Avenue shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of Lynwood L. Battle, Jr. Place, in memory of Lynwood L. Battle, in recognition of his selfless service to the Cincinnati community and his leadership in promoting diversity, inclusion, and equality.

WHEREAS, Lynwood L. Battle was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on December 31, 1942 to parents Lynwood and Frances Battle, and graduated from Walnut Hills High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Battle attended The Ohio State University, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology and was a member of the Ohio State University Marching Band, twice "dotting the I" as a sousaphone player, and serving as the ROTC Band Commander; and

WHEREAS, from 1965 to 1969, Mr. Battle served as a Captain in the U.S. Army in the Panama Canal Zone and Vietnam, receiving a Bronze Star for his outstanding and meritorious service; and

WHEREAS, during his 28-year career at Procter & Gamble, Mr. Battle's initiatives as manager of diversity nurtured greater inclusion and security in the corporate climate, particularly for LGBT+ employees, meriting his receipt of the Ally in Action Award, and which were captured in the documentary "The Words Matter," which received a Silver Lion award at the 2018 Cannes Lions International Film Festival; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Battle also worked in the family business, J.C. Battle and Sons Funeral Home, established by his grandfather in 1933, as a means of giving comfort and support to community members at their most difficult times, working beside his brother James Battle III; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 Mr. Battle received a "Distinguished Service Citation" from Bridges for a Just Community, in recognition of his eight years of service on the Cincinnati Board of Education, and as a trustee of the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens, the Springer School and Center, and the Presbytery of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Battle treasured his family and friends, believing that one's most precious possessions are the love of family and the esteem of friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Battle passed away on August 29, 2021, predeceased by his wife Barbara, but survived by his daughters Monica and Brooke, granddaughters Isabella, Morgan, and Maddison, siblings DeWitt, Theresa Anderson, and James C., III (Dr. Dorothy); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Battle has left a legacy of gratitude and appreciation for his many acts of civic leadership and selfless giving to others throughout his life; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Rockdale Avenue at Washington Avenue shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of Lynwood L. Battle, Jr. Place by legislative action of the Mayor and City Council in memory of Lynwood L. Battle, in recognition of his selfless service to the Cincinnati community and his leadership in promoting diversity, inclusion, and equality.

Section 2. That the appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to implement the provisions of Section 1 herein, including the generation and installation of appropriate secondary street signage, which shall designate Rockdale Avenue at Washington Avenue as Lynwood L. Battle, Jr. Place in accordance with the Department of Transportation and Engineering's procedures relating to street designation and related signage.

Section 3. That a copy of this ordinance be sent to the family of Lynwood L. Battle via the office of Vice Mayor Christopher Smitherman.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to create signage for the naming ceremony, scheduled for October 15, 2021.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk