

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

-2021

DECLARING that Reading Road at Forest Avenue hereby receives the honorary, secondary name of Reverend Clarence S. Wallace Way in memory of Reverend Clarence S. Wallace, recognizing his contributions to the City of Cincinnati through his impactful service to the Avondale community.

WHEREAS, in 1978 Reverend Clarence S. Wallace moved to Cincinnati to serve as the pastor of Carmel Presbyterian Church in Avondale; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Wallace played a key role in numerous vital community programs and services, including establishing the Alcoholics Anonymous program as a long-term fixture of Carmel Presbyterian's ministry, and forming a summer program for youth via the Avondale Ecumenical Consortium; and

WHEREAS, to combat alarming infant mortality rates in Avondale, Rev. Wallace's church established a partnership in 2006 with Cincinnati Children's Hospital to host and house "Every Child Succeeds," a program that helps new parents and their children thrive; and

WHEREAS, within the first two years of the partnership, "Every Child Succeeds" reached 85% of eligible mothers, providing them with home visitation and other services; and

WHEREAS, to further assist new parents in the neighborhood, in 2007 Rev. Wallace led Carmel Presbyterian to establish the Avondale Caring Network Pantry, providing free baby formula and diapers; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Wallace actively served the Avondale community as a member of Cincinnati Community Action Now's Economic Inclusion Action Team, and as president of the Avondale Coalition of Churches; and

WHEREAS, under Rev. Wallace's leadership, the Avondale Coalition of Churches purchased the Avondale Town Center in 1996 and secured an ALDI grocery store to address the area's food desert; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Wallace passed away in 2012, but his legacy continues to live; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Reading Road at Forest Avenue shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of Reverend Clarence S. Wallace Way by legislative action of the Mayor and City

Council in honor of Reverend Clarence S. Wallace, in recognition of his contributions to the City of Cincinnati through his impactful service to the Avondale community.

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 Reading Road at Forest Avenue as Reverend Clarence S. Wallace Way, in accordance with the Department of Transportation and Engineering’s procedures relating to secondary street designation.

Section 3. That a copy of this ordinance be sent to the family of Reverend Clarence S. Wallace via the office of Councilmember Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk