

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 070132)

RESOLUTION

Also naming Broad Street from Diamond Street to York Street "Georgie Woods Blvd."

Born in Georgia on Friday, May 11, 1927, George Woods (known to everyone as Georgie) was a top R&B jock and became a true legend in every sense of the word.

WHEREAS, Woods came to Philadelphia from New York in 1953 and began broadcasting from AM stations such as WDAS-AM and WHAT-AM.; and

WHEREAS, He was a consultant to Dick Clark, advising him which records were popular in the African-American community; and

WHEREAS, He went on to play the talents of emerging artists like the Temptations, Stevie Wonder and Michael Jackson over the radio; and

WHEREAS, In the 1960s, Woods used the airwaves to talk about the American civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, He was often known to stop playing music for hours to talk about the efforts of African-Americans and others who were campaigning for equality, and about the work of the movement's leaders such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; and

WHEREAS, In 1963, Woods chartered buses to take people down to the August 28, 1963 March on Washington, D.C. (subsequently famous for its "I Have a Dream" speech by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.) and had asked a young Ed Bradley, currently a well-known CBS correspondent, to be a bus captain; and

WHEREAS, Georgie also hosted so-called "Freedom Shows" at the Uptown and Nixon Theaters to raise money for civil rights activities. Georgie became well known hosting the great shows of ten acts at the Uptown; and

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WHEREAS, On Tuesday, November 12, 2002 Georgie Woods was presented with the March of Dimes Achievements in Radio (A.I.R.) Award and on Friday, November 18, 2005, the Broadcast Pioneers of Philadelphia was proud to induct Georgie Woods into our "Hall of Fame"; and

WHEREAS, Georgie Woods passed away on June 18, 2005 and will always be remembered as a broadcast pioneer and for his civil rights activism; now therefore

RESOLVED, That Broad Street from Diamond Street to York Street also be named "Georgie Woods Blvd."

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the nineteenth of April, 2007.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Clarke

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Clarke, Rizzo, Kelly, O'Neill, DiCicco, Savage, Miller, Tasco, Krajewski, Greenlee, Kenney, Reynolds Brown, Ramos, Campbell and Blackwell