

RESOLUTION

NO. ____

A resolution approving an Honorary Designation request submitted by Superior Court Judge Bobby G. Peters to name the future Judicial Center in honor of the Honorable John D. Allen.

WHEREAS, John D. Allen is a native of Columbus, Georgia, graduating from Spencer High School and later attending Tuskegee University to earn his bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering. After being honorably discharged in 1973 from the United States Air Force, where he flew many missions in Vietnam with two tours in southeast Asia, he earned his law degree from the University of Florida in 1975; and,

WHEREAS, John D. Allen returned to Columbus, Georgia to practice in the predominantly white legal community and fought on the frontline for equality, fairness, and dignity. Years later he became the first African American to be the Chief Judge of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit and the first African American to be president of the Downtown Rotary in Columbus; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Honor held a meeting on March 6, 2025 to consider the application and to make a recommendation to Council. At that meeting, the Board of Honor members voted to approve the request for an Honorary Designation to name the future Judicial Center in honor of the Honorable John D. Allen.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the City Facility and Honorary Street Naming Policy-Section 3: Criteria for Naming City Facilities, “Unless otherwise approved by city council, when a building, facility or public outdoor space undergoes a major renovation or ceases to exist, the name will be honored as a part of the City’s history but will not necessarily be retained.”

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES:

To name the future Judicial Center in honor of the Honorable John D. Allen.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 11th day of March 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Hickey	voting _____

Councilor Huff voting _____
Councilor Thomas voting _____
Councilor Tucker voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore
Deputy Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor