

BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 6135 September 6, 2022 Consent Agenda

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION TITLE: AB 6135: Proclamation No. 295 Recognizing Bill Russell RECOMMENDED ACTION: Proclaim September 6, 2022, as a day to honor the memory of Bill Russell. Image: Proclaim September 6, 2022, as a day to honor the memory of Bill Russell. Image: Proclaim September 6, 2022, as a day to honor the memory of Bill Russell.

DEPARTMENT:	City Council
STAFF:	Mayor Salim Nice Andrea Larson, City Clerk
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. Proclamation No. 295
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ n/a

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda bill is to honor the memory and inspirational life of Mercer Island resident Bill Russell.

BACKGROUND

William Fenton Russell, who was better known as Bill Russell, and his wife Jeannine Russell, have been longtime residents of Mercer Island. On July 31, 2022 Bill Russell passed away. Bill Russell lived a life full of remarkable accomplishments in basketball, coaching, and civil rights. In 2011 President Obama awarded Bill Russell the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

The ideals of equality, civility, and respect that Bill Russell lived by and fought for align with the values of the Mercer Island community that he called home for 40 years (see Proclamation No. 295 – Exhibit 1).

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Proclaim September 6, 2022, as a day to honor the memory of Bill Russell.