CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION 31501

A RESOLUTION providing an honorary designation of 19th Avenue from East Union to East Madison Streets as the "Rev. Dr. S. McKinney Ave."

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle is fortunate to be home to outstanding community and religious leaders who have done much to shape the conscience of Seattle; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Samuel B. McKinney has encouraged and advanced the development of Seattle's civil rights legacy; and

WHEREAS, Reverend McKinney was a civil rights leader, as well as a minister and served as pastor of Seattle's Mount Zion Baptist Church from 1958 until his retirement in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Reverend McKinney provided the longest continuous pastorate in the history of the church, which under his leadership grew to 2,500 members; and

WHEREAS, early in his work in Seattle, the community knew of his stance on human rights and civil rights because he caused his voice to be heard not only in the church, but also in the halls of local, regional and national government leaders; and

WHEREAS, Reverend McKinney worked to sensitize the community to the needs of the less fortunate, both black and white, and soon became the leading voice of the black community; and

WHEREAS, in 1961, Reverend McKinney convinced his college classmate and friend, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to make his only Seattle visit for a speaking engagement on November 10, 1961; and

WHEREAS, in the 1960s, Reverend McKinney's civil rights commitment inspired him to march in the streets of Seattle along with the leaders of Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and the Urban League in an effort to focus attention on the need for equal jobs, housing, and educational opportunities, and he marched with Dr. King in Washington, D.C., in 1963 and in Selma and Montgomery in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Reverend McKinney, along with other black church leaders, was arrested when protesting against apartheid in front of the South African consul's house; and

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WHEREAS, during Reverend McKinney's 40 years of leadership at Mount Zion, a new African-inspired sanctuary was built; the first black Protestant church credit union in the Pacific Northwest was founded; a day care center and kindergarten were established; a scholarship fund which annually awards $20,000 in academic scholarships was instituted, and the Samuel Berry McKinney Manor was built with 64 units of housing for mostly low-income residents; and

WHEREAS, Reverend McKinney was one of 22 social justice pastors selected from some of the largest churches in the United States to meet with Nelson Mandela in his home in Soweto, not long after his release from prison; and

WHEREAS, Reverend McKinney was the first black president of the Church Council of Greater Seattle and he served on the board of the Meredith Mathews East Madison YMCA, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Seattle Zoo, Seattle Rotary and Reverend McKinney is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Sigma Pi Phi Graduate Fraternity, and is also a 33rd Degree Prince Hall Mason; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:

Section 1. The portion of 19th Avenue between East Union and Madison Streets shall have an honorary designation as "Rev. Dr. S. McKinney Ave."

Section 2. The Council requests that the Seattle Department of Transportation place memorial signs at prominent and appropriate locations, which shall reflect the "Rev. Dr. S. McKinney Ave." honorary designation.

Section 3. By this Resolution, the Council does not intend to affect any existing or future signage that reflects the honorary designation of Rev. Dr. S. McKinney Ave., with the exception of the memorial signs described in Section 2 of this Resolution.

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Adopted by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2014, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this_____ day of _____, 2014.

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President _____of the City Council

THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

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Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2014.

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Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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Legislation Title:
A RESOLUTION providing an honorary designation of 19th Avenue from East Union to East Madison Streets as the "Rev. Dr. S. McKinney Ave."

Summary of the Legislation: This legislation requests the Seattle Department of Transportation to manufacture, install, and maintain memorial signs at prominent and appropriate locations out of existing departmental budget for the honorary naming designation of "Rev. Dr. S. McKinney Ave." for 19th Avenue from East Union to East Madison Streets.

Background: Rev. Dr. S. McKinney – since 1958 – has been a civil rights leader and minister in Seattle. His work to sensitize the community to the needs of the less fortunate has made him one of the leading voices of the black community in Seattle.

Please check one of the following:

__X__ **This legislation does not have any financial implications.** The local community is paying the cost of the manufacture and installation of honorary designation signs.

____ **This legislation has financial implications.**
(If the legislation has direct fiscal impacts (e.g., appropriations, revenue, positions), fill out the relevant sections below. If the financial implications are indirect or longer-term, describe them in narrative in the "Other Implications" Section. Please delete the instructions provided in parentheses at the end of each title and question.)

a) Other Issues:

List attachments to the fiscal note below:

Attachment A: Map

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Proposed Honorary Designation of "Rev. Dr. S. McKinney Ave"

Attachment A to Fiscal Note

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