

CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION 32126

A RESOLUTION providing an honorary designation of 43rd Ave S between S Othello St and S Webster St as “Sen George Fleming Way.”

WHEREAS, George Fleming was elected first as a State Representative in 1969, then as Senator in 1971, serving the 37th District of Southeast Seattle/Rainier Valley for 22 years until 1991; and

WHEREAS, George Fleming was the first African-American Senator in Washington state and was a champion for housing who authored the law creating the state’s Housing Trust Fund in 1986, and its success is recognized statewide and nationally; and

WHEREAS, George Fleming established the Washington State Housing Finance Commission in 1983 and the state’s Office of Minority and Women’s Business Enterprises; and

WHEREAS, former Governor Gary Locke called George Fleming the conscience of the state legislature for his work on affordable housing, civil rights, and civil liberties; and

WHEREAS, former King County Executive and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Deputy Secretary Ron Sims said, “He was a composer of this state’s affordable and subsidized housing policy. This is music that will be heard for generations”; and

WHEREAS, Husky Legend and University of Washington (UW) Hall of Famer George Fleming holds a place dear in the hearts of longtime fans of UW football for an outstanding career and was the star of the 1960 and ’61 Rose Bowls (co-MVP of the ’60 game), and played several years in the NFL and CFL; and

1 WHEREAS, George Fleming Place was built by the Low Income Housing Institute at 7357 43rd
2 Ave S in the Othello neighborhood in 2022; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

5 Section 1. 43rd Avenue South between South Othello and South Webster Streets shall
6 have an honorary designation as “Sen George Fleming Way.”

7 Section 2. The Council requests that the Seattle Department of Transportation
8 manufacture, install, and maintain honorary signs at the locations and intersections above that
9 reflect the “Sen George Fleming Way” honorary designation.

1 Adopted by the City Council the 27th day of February, 2024,
2 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 27th day of
3 February, 2024.

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5 President _____ of the City Council

6 The Mayor concurred the 6th day of March, 2024.

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8 Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor

9 Filed by me this 7th day of March, 2024.

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11 Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

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13 Attachments (if any):