



Legislation Text

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CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION _____

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

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

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

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

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

Adopted by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2024, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this _____ day of _____, 2024.

President _____ of the City Council

The Mayor concurred the _____ day of _____, 2024.

Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

(Seal)

Attachments (if any):