

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_, SERIES 2024**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING FRANK FOSTER, JR. BY DEDICATING  
THE CORNER OF 18<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND MUHAMMED ALI BOULEVARD  
AS “FRANK FOSTER, JR. WAY” IN HIS HONOR.**

**SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBERS HAWKINS AND ARTHUR**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Frank Foster, Jr. tied together the members of the Russell Neighborhood community through his leadership, service, entrepreneurship and food. Mr. Foster, Jr. opened his first restaurant in the 1800 block of South 18<sup>th</sup> in 1969, named “Miss Chicken;”

**WHEREAS**, in 1974 Mr. Foster, Jr. changed the restaurant’s name to “Jay’s Cafeteria.” By 1994, Jay’s had expanded and moved to 1812 W. Muhammed Ali Boulevard. Over those twenty years, Jay’s had many notable patrons, including: Muhammed Ali, then Senator Barrack Obama, Vice-President Al Gore, Rev. Jesse Jackson, The Temptations, B.B. King, Ashford and Simpson, The Mighty Clouds of Joy, and others;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Foster, Jr.’s legacy continues; started in 2009, the restaurant Franco’s Restaurant still serves Mr. Foster, Jr.’s recipes at 3300 Dixie Highway, #5014, Louisville, KY 40216;

**WHEREAS**, as Mr. Foster, Jr.’s businesses grew, so did his involvement in the Russell Neighborhood. Throughout his professional career Mr. Foster, Jr. donated to local charities and fed many members of his community;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Foster, Jr.’s success in business translated to leadership in local government, where over the years he served the City of Louisville as a Community Development Commission Board member and on the Metropolitan Sewer District Board;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Foster, Jr. was a humble man that shied away from his many honors, which included: the Kentucky Minority Business Association’s “Business of the Year” award on two occasions; the “Eleanor Foreman Award,” and the “Profiles in Courage Award,” from the National Council of Negro Women, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Metro Council expresses its intention to honor Mr. Frank Foster, Jr.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION I:** Frank Foster, Jr.’s dedicated service and commitment to Louisville Metro is hereby recognized with the placement of honorary street signs on the corner of 18<sup>th</sup> Street and West Muhammed Ali Boulevard, Louisville, Kentucky, and so designated as “Frank Foster, Jr. Way.”

**SECTION II:** The Department of Public Works is hereby directed to move forward with the fabrication and installation of the honorary street signs upon the passage of this Resolution and the receipt of funds to cover the expense.

**SECTION III:** This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval or otherwise becoming law.

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Sonya Harward  
Metro Council Clerk

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Markus Winkler  
President of the Council

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Craig Greenberg  
Mayor

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Approval Date

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:**

Michael J. O'Connell  
Jefferson County Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_

R-076-24 Honorary Naming Frank Foster, Jr. JDF 071824