

RESOLUTION NO. RS2019- 1869

A resolution recognizing the Metro Nashville Public Schools' Board of Education decision to name the Transportation building The Carlisle Beasley, Jr Building.

WHEREAS, Metro Nashville Public Schools' Board of Education is the local governmental body responsible for providing public education to the students in Nashville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Carlisle Beasley, Jr, a retired career employee of the Metro Nashville Public School Transportation Department, serving 33 years as Director of Pupil Transportation, passed away on Memorial Day, May 27, 2019, at the age of 83; and

WHEREAS, his relentless focus on transportation safety for Nashville's public school students resulted in national prominence within the Pupil Transportation Industry, and an incomparable perfect safety record of more than 600 million daily school bus rides for Nashville students without a single fatality or serious injury; and

WHEREAS, his successful execution of the transportation component of the 1971 court-ordered desegregation plan enabled Metro Nashville Public Schools to become nationally recognized as a model for successful pupil integration; and

WHEREAS, throughout the transition stages of the desegregation plan, Mr. Beasley routinely broke down barriers by meeting arriving school buses in areas of stiff resistance, regularly escorting anxious children to the comfort of awaiting teachers and principals and intervening on their behalf in threatening situations; and

WHEREAS, his successful safety record and selfless leadership style not only translated into national recognition for The Metro Nashville Public School District, but also translated into acknowledgement from his peers, with national honors including:

- Co-founder and President of the National Association of Pupil Transportation
- National Safety Council Board Member and Chairman of its School Transportation Committee
- The Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor given, from both the National Safety Council and the National Association of Pupil Transportation, and
- School Bus Magazine's "Man of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Nashville Board of Public Education, in gratitude for his exemplary service and on behalf of the students and parents served by the Metropolitan Nashville Public School District, has unanimously decided to memorialize this extraordinary public servant by permanently naming the Metro Nashville Public School Transportation Department building as the "Carlisle Beasley, Jr Building";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as acknowledging that the building that houses the Metro Nashville Public School Transportation Department be permanently named the Carlisle Beasley, Jr Building to recognize the substantial contributions Carlisle Beasley, Jr made to the students and parents of the Metro Nashville Public School District and the citizens of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

INTRODUCED BY:

Anthony Davis

Dave Rosenberg

Members of Council

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Anthony Davis
Councilmember, District 7

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Dave Rosenberg
Councilmember, District 35