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Resolution to Rename Calhoun Rd.

Whereas, the University of Houston resides in historic Third Ward;

Whereas, the Third Ward is a historically black neighborhood and the University of Houston is among the top national universities in ethnic diversity and serves and Afro-American student body population of over 4,500 students;

Whereas, Calhoun Road's namesake, John C. Calhoun was a staunch defender of slavery and a slaveholder himself and has absolutely no connection to Texas, Houston or the Third Ward;

Whereas, John Wilkerson has been a prominent member of the Third Ward community, being a cofounder of the Zina Garrison Tennis Academy and coach for the Houston Tennis legends Zina Garrison and Lori McNeil;

Whereas, Road to Change is an organization that is working to rename the stretch of Calhoun Road south of Wheeler Avenue to Wilkerson Way.

Whereas, on August 13, 2020 the University of Houston Law Center passed a resolution to rename the section of Calhoun Rd. that traverses the UH campus to Martin Luther King Blvd;¹

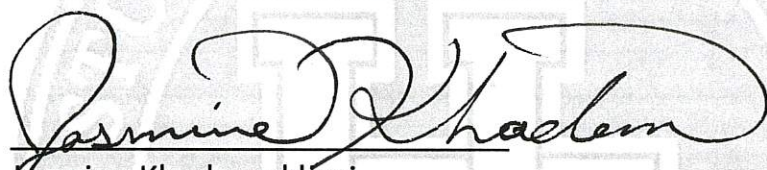
¹ <https://www.law.uh.edu/news/summer2020/0807/UHLCResolution08132020.pdf>

Whereas, the University of Houston Student Government Association is committed to aiding in the fight to end institutionalized racism and inequity.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Government Association of the University of Houston:

Supports the Road to Change initiative and Zina Garrison Academy to change the name of the stretch of Calhoun Road south of Wheeler Avenue to Wilkerson Way in honor of John Wilkerson;

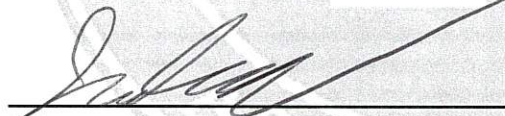
Be it further resolved, the Student Government Association supports the University of Houston Law Center's initiative to extend Martin Luther King Boulevard from north of Wheeler Avenue to Spur 5.



Jasmine Khademakbari

Student Government President

Date of President's Approval: 3/31/21



Julian Cheng

Speaker of the Senate

Date of Senate Approval: 3/31/21