



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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March 10, 2023

The Honorable Charles Allen
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 110
Washington DC 20004

Re: ANC 6A Support for Ceremonial Council Resolution Honoring William Outlaw

Dear Councilmember Allen,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on March 9, 2023, our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request that the DC Council issue a ceremonial resolution mourning Mr. Outlaw's death, celebrating his contributions to our neighborhood, and reaffirming his relationship with the Outlaw Way street sign.

On January 9, 2023, we lost one of the true giants of the Capitol Hill neighborhood. William Outlaw—or, as he was affectionately known to his neighbors, Mr. Outlaw—passed away that day at the age of 95, after decades of service to his community. Most neighbors who met Mr. Outlaw in recent years knew him as a one-man mailroom. Fearful that his neighbors would have their packages stolen from their stoop, Mr. Outlaw took it upon himself to have the neighborhood's packages delivered to his home. Having done so, evenings on the 200-block of 10th Street NE featured a steady stream of visitors to Mr. Outlaw's home, with neighbors coming by to pick up their parcels, catch up on the day's news, and take a lollipop on the way out.

But that was just one of many entries in Mr. Outlaw's record of service. William was drafted into the Army in 1952 and fought in the Korean War until being honorably discharged in 1960, after eight years of distinguished service. Following his retirement from government service in 1982, Mr. Outlaw and his late wife Pocahontas opened a diner on U Street NW named Outlaw's Kitchen—a restaurant that they viewed as a way to nourish the body and soul of their community.

In recent years, the DC Council took initial steps to recognize these contributions. In October of 2018, the DC Council voted to designate the 200-block of 10th Street as Outlaw Way in honor of Mrs. Outlaw and, indirectly, Mr. Outlaw. The street sign bearing the Outlaw Way name now hangs proudly there, a totem for those that share the block. Following Mr. Outlaw's death, we encourage you and the DC Council to pay tribute to Mr. Outlaw anew. We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Thank you for giving great weight to the views of ANC 6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at 6A04@anc.dc.gov.

¹ ANC 6A meetings are advertised electronically on anc6a@googlegroups.com, and newhilleast@groups.io, at www.anc6a.org, on Twitter (@ANC6A) and through print advertisements in the Hill Rag.

On behalf of the Commission,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amber K. Gove". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial 'A'.

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A