

ELLA BAKER PLACE

Street Co-Naming Resolution

Whereas: *Ella Josephine Baker - Born, 12/13/1903 - Died, 12/13/1986 - was a Great Lady of the Modern African American Civil Rights Movement*

Whereas: *She organized the 1960 meeting out of which the **Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC)** arose and was a coordinator of the **Freedom Riders**.*

Whereas: *Her ideas on group-centered organizing and direct action largely influenced the philosophy of participatory democracy put forth by Students for a Democratic Society. These ideas also influenced a wide range of radical and progressive groups that would form in the 60s and 70s. From 1962 to 1967 Baker worked on the staff of the **Southern Conference Education Fund (SCEF)**, which aimed to help black and white people work together.*

Whereas: *In 1964 she helped organize the **Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP)** as an alternative to the regular Democratic Party in Mississippi. The influence of the MFDP on the Democratic Party helped to elect many black leaders in Mississippi, and forced a rule change to allow women and minorities to sit as delegates at the Democratic National Convention.*

Whereas: *That same year, she returned to New York, where she remained active in the struggle against racial intolerance and community organizing in her beloved Harlem*

Resolved: *Even though she made this world a better place, by intensifying our understanding of grassroots freedom, all to many of us have never known the importance of her Legacy and Contributions, which makes it is past time for our Community and our City, to remember, and honor our former Neighbor, (Lennox Terrace), and a Great Harlemitte - Ella Baker*

*by CoNaming Lennox Terrace off of 135 Street -
ELLA BAKER TERRACE*