

PAUL ROBESON BOULEVARD

Street Co-Naming Resolution

Whereas: *Paul Robeson - Athlete, Lawyer, Scholar, Writer, Linguist, Orator, Actor, Concert Singer, Artist, Civil and Human Rights Activist, Born April 9, 1898 - Died January 23, 1976 - He was a Transcendent and Visceral Presence on the Stage of the World*

Whereas: *Paul Robeson burst upon the fertile scene of the Harlem Renaissance as a pre-eminent multi-talent among many other superb lights. Possessor of a Degree in Law, he consciously left that profession behind because of his indelible commitment to Human Equality and his abhorrence of Racial Discrimination. He made a conscious decision that his world class talents as an actor and singer would better serve his people as the vehicle to develop a consciousness in American Culture that Blacks have immense talents and creativity that are more than worthy of recognition and an equal playing field with Whites.*

Whereas: *He suffered greatly for his steadfast commitment to the great cause that he believed in, the cause of full equality for his people and all oppressed peoples around the world. In doing so he became a wonderful symbol for us all to transcend our suffering for a cause worth believing in.*

Whereas: *The Paul Robeson Residence is recognized as a **National Historic Landmark**, and is located at 555 Edgecombe Avenue*

Resolved: *A true “Renaissance Man” and a giant of the Twentieth Century whose life has affected all of our lives, he was also a Great Harlemitite and a member of our Community. Therefore we resolve to Co-Name Edgecombe Avenue from 155th Street to 162nd Street -*

or 171st street & Amsterdam Avenue

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