

A. PHILIP RANDOLPH **BOULEVARD**

Street Co-Naming Resolution

Whereas: *Asa Philip Randolph - writer, journalist, publisher, labor leader, and civil right activist, Born 4/15/1889 - Died 5/16/1979, is universally considered as the greatest Black Labor Leader of the Twentieth Century.*

Whereas: *As a leader and a fighter as well as a deep thinker he first published “The Messenger” magazine during the Harlem Renaissance. In 1925 he established the first and most successful Black Labor Union in the United States, **THE BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS**. It took twelve years of fierce struggle but ultimately under his leadership the Union prevailed and forced the powerful Pullman Company to give them a contract.*

Whereas: *It was on this foundation that he formed the Coalition that was able to leverage President Roosevelt in 1942 to sign the Executive Order that banned discrimination within the Government and among the Defense Industries that won Government contracts by threatening the first March on Washington.*

Whereas: *It was after World War II that Randolph again took a stand against Jim Crow segregation in the Armed Forces and called on Blacks to refuse to register for the Draft or to not serve if called. Finally President Truman gave in and issued the famous Executive Order barring Discrimination in the Military in 1948.*

Whereas: *That he was successful and effective in these incredibly important groundbreaking initiatives which provided the **Economic Foundation of the Civil Rights Revolution** was because of his credibility and that strategically he knew when to accept “Victory” - the Attainment of the Objective at that point in time.*

Whereas: *His Pre-eminent Leadership place in The Civil Rights Movement was recognized by all the other Civil Rights Leaders as a unifying force prior to, and facilitating the great culminating **March on Washington**. Within a year the - **Civil Rights Act of 1964** became law.*

Resolved: *Although he was a great man who made this world a better place, and received many awards while he was alive, it is past time for our Community to remember, and honor our neighbor (Dunbar Apartments) and a Great Harlemite - Asa Philip Randolph, by co-naming 145th Street from the Western Corners of Edgecombe Avenue to the Riverside Drive - A. Philip Randolph Boulevard.*

