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September 12, 2024

Nyasha Smith, Secretary
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Secretary Smith,

Today, I'm introducing the "**Rev. A. Knighton Stanley Way Designation Act of 2024**" in honor of Reverend Dr. A. Knighton Stanley, a civil rights leader, educator, and community leader.

The Reverend Dr. A. Knighton Stanley, a minister, civil rights leader, educator, and community leader, served the Washington, D.C. community for nearly 40 years. He was first called to Washington in 1968 as the eighth senior pastor of Peoples' Congregational United Church of Christ in the Petworth community. Under his leadership, the congregation's membership grew three-fold, it was home to the largest scouting troops in the city, a food pantry that served hundreds of families, a youth group that included dozens of youth from the neighborhood and beyond, a credit union, drama and liturgical dance groups and other community programs for children and adults. During his tenure, Peoples Congregational United Church was a cultural hub for black scholars and activists including Maya Angelou, Desmond Tutu, Andrew Young, James Baldwin, Shirley Chisolm, and Dorothy Irene Height who donned the pulpit on special occasions.

Rev. Dr. A. Knighton Stanley was a special advisor to Mayor Walter Washington on the DC Bicentennial Commission in 1976. Stanley informally advised Mayor Marion Barry and other city leaders. Stanley also chaired the board of the directors of University of District of Columbia, served on the board of the Greater Washington United Way and as vice president of the Council of Churches of Metropolitan Washington, and was a founder of the Washington Latin School.

I'm recommending that we symbolically designate Iowa Avenue, N.W., between Arkansas Avenue, N.W., and 13th Street, N.W., in Ward 4, as Rev. A. Knighton Stanley Way to honor Rev. Dr. A. Knighton Stanley and his legacy as pastor of Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ for nearly 40 years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janeese Lewis George".

Janeese Lewis George
Ward 4 Councilmember
Chair, Committee on Facilities and Family Services