

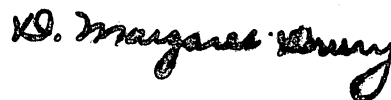
- WHEREAS: Leslie's main focus, however, was on his wife and two sons, Leslie and David. He was a devoted husband and father. He was a compassionate, engaging man, who, at the same time, had a very no-nonsense approach to life. He was a master storyteller, often holding court for hours, recounting his many life experiences with his special brand of humor; and
- WHEREAS: Following World War II, Leslie took a number of jobs before beginning his employment at the MBTA, where he worked until his retirement in 1970; and
- WHEREAS: In his search for spiritual fulfillment, Leslie returned to Mass. Avenue Baptist Church in the 1960's where he served as a Deacon for nearly 30 years; and
- WHEREAS: His many interests included music and he was a member of the Greater Boston Male Chorus in the 1930's. He and his sister Dorothy Gatherwright were renowned for their piano/vocal duets; and
- WHEREAS: Leslie was known for his strength of character, his fierce determination and his standing up for what he believed was right. He often told the story of carrying one of his scouts, who was afflicted with asthma, to the top of Mt. Monadnock in New Hampshire after the boy was unable to make it on his own; and
- WHEREAS: Perhaps Leslie's most lasting legacy was his ability to make others laugh. He passed away three years ago on September 18, 2000, but his sense of humor lives on and still provides us with laughter to this day and will for many years to come; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record dedicating the corner of Norfolk Street and Hampshire Street as

Leslie L. "Bunny" Wood, Sr. Square
and be it further

- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Leslie L. Wood, Sr. at the dedication ceremony on Saturday, September 20, 2003.

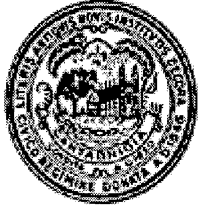
In City Council August 4, 2003
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

A true copy;



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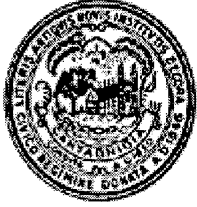


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- WHEREAS: Leslie Leland Wood, Sr., known to all his friends as “Bunny” was born in Cambridge July 1, 1905, one of seven children born to Albert and Maria Brown Wood. He grew up on Worcester Street and attended the Fletcher School and Rindge Technical School; and
- WHEREAS: In the 1930’s, Leslie helped found Boy Scout Troop 8 at the Cambridge Community Center, one of the first all African-American scout troops in the country; and
- WHEREAS: As Troop 8 Scoutmaster, Leslie mentored numerous young men—many of whom were growing up without fathers—and taught them the values and discipline that would serve them for the rest of their lives. Many were shipped off to World War II and credited their scoutmaster’s teachings with helping them to survive and return safely home to their families; and
- WHEREAS: While at the center, Leslie met his future wife, Gwendolyn Forsyth of Cambridge in 1935. They were married in 1939, and their marriage was blessed with two fine sons, Leslie and David; and
- WHEREAS: When war broke out, Leslie began working at the Boston Naval Shipyard as a painter, then as a welder, and he worked on two British battleships instrumental in sinking the Bismarck, pride of the Nazi Fleet; and
- WHEREAS: Leslie had a keen interest in Cambridge civic affairs and in the development and progress of Black people. He was a member of the NAACP and was involved in a number of political campaigns; and



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ORDERED: That the City Council designate a suitable location in the Gorham Street area of the Agassiz neighborhood, after consultation with the family, in honor of the late Leslie "Bunny" Wood; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Assistant to the City Council be directed to confer with the family regarding a suitable dedication ceremony and communicate with the Department of Public Works to arrange for the sign.

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Councillor Reeves and entire membership

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