

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS

COUNCIL PROPOSAL

Date: October 20, 2020	File Number: 318	Subject: Atatiana Jefferson Honorary Memorial Designation for Portions of East Allen Avenue/East Maddox Avenue from IH-35W to US 287 and Waiver of Application and Installation Fees	
Proposed By: Council Members Kelly Allen Gray and Ann Zadeh		City Manager's Review: <i>[Signature]</i>	Page:
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It is proposed that the City Council:

1. Adopt the attached resolution designating portions of East Allen Avenue/East Maddox Avenue from IH-35W to US 287 in honor of the memory of Atatiana Jefferson; and
2. Waive the fee for the application in the amount of \$700 and sign fabrication and installation costs.

DISCUSSION:

It has been proposed that portions of East Allen Avenue from IH-35W to Beverly Avenue and East Maddox Avenue from Beverly Avenue to US 287, as depicted on the attached map, be designated in honor of the memory of Atatiana Jefferson.

Atatiana Koquice Jefferson, affectionately known as "Tay", was born on November 28, 1990 in Dallas, Texas. The youngest of four siblings, Ashley, Adarius, and Amber, Tay was a tomboy at heart who love climbing trees, exploring the great outdoors and video games. A studious, lifelong learner with an unquenchable thirst for knowledge, Tay was an avid reader and accomplished student, consistently earning recognition for academic achievements.

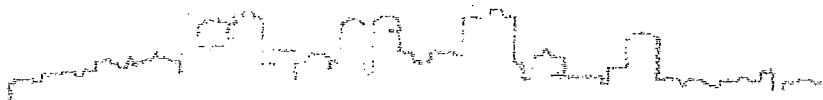
Atatiana graduated from Lake Highlands High School in Dallas Texas in 2010. She continued her educational pursuits at Xavier University of Louisiana, where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. Atatiana was a born nurturer who knew medicine was her calling and helped her mother and sister with their medical illnesses. After her mother, Yolanda Carr, moved to Fort Worth, Atatiana made plans to further her education in Fort Worth where she observed the local medical facilities during her mother's illness. She expressed the desire to make permanent plans in Fort Worth so that she could eventually give back to her community.

The City and the community, in honor of Atatiana's memory, have engaged in meaningful discussions and reflections about race and its effect on different relationships among groups in the Fort Worth. These discussions have reinforced the commitment of the City and community to implement the recommendations of the Task Force on Race and Culture. Continued efforts are being made to address disparities in criminal justice, economic development, education, governance, housing, and health.

In order to waive the application fee and sign fabrication and installation costs, the City Council is required to find that (1) the waiver carries out a public purpose; and (2) there are sufficient controls to

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ensure that the public purpose is carried out. Given the legacy of Atatiana Jefferson in the City of Fort Worth, the memorial designation and fee waivers are appropriate and serve a public purpose. If approved, the City's Transportation and Public Works Department will fabricate and install street sign toppers for the memorial designation, ensuring that the public purpose is carried out.

LEGALITY:

The Law Department finds that this proposal is legal and within the authority of the City Council.

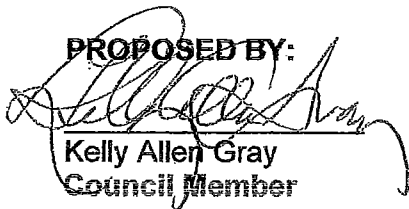
FISCAL NOTE:

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of this recommendation will have no material effect on City funds.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENT:

The City Manager has no objection to this proposal.

PROPOSED BY:


Kelly Allen Gray
Council Member


Ann Zadeh
Council Member

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A Resolution

NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE HONORARY DESIGNATION OF A PORTION OF
EAST ALLEN AVENUE/EAST MADDOX AVENUE FROM IH-35W TO US 287
FOR ATATIANA JEFFERSON**

WHEREAS Atatiana Koquice Jefferson, affectionally known as “Tay”, was born on November 28, 1990; and

WHEREAS Atatiana Jefferson graduated with a pre-med degree in Biology from Xavier University of Louisiana in 2014 and was working in pharmaceutical equipment sales; and

WHEREAS Atatiana Jefferson was making plans to further her education in medicine in the City of Fort Worth so that she could give back to her community, but tragically died on October 12, 2019; and

WHEREAS the City and the community, in honor of Atatiana’s memory, have engaged in meaningful discussions and reflections about race and its effect on different relationships among groups in Fort Worth; and

WHEREAS these discussions have reinforced the commitment of the City and community to implement the recommendations of the Task Force on Race and Culture, and continued efforts are being made to address disparities in criminal justice, economic development, education, governance, housing, and health; and

WHEREAS the City of Fort Worth wishes to honor Atatiana Jefferson by designating a portion of East Allen Avenue/East Maddox Avenue from IH-35W to US 287, as depicted on the attached map, in honor of her memory.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS, THAT:

A portion of East Allen Avenue/East Maddox Avenue from IH-35W to US 287 be given an honorary designation in memory of Atatiana Jefferson using street sign toppers.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2020.

ATTEST:

By: _____
Mary J. Kayser, City Secretary