

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS



COUNCIL PROPOSAL

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| Date: 11-30-2021 | File Number: 21-CP 319 | Subject: Reby Cary Memorial Designation for Portions of East Rosedale Street from Miller Avenue to the Fort Worth City Limits and Waiver of Application, Installation, and Associated Fees | |
| Proposed By: Council Members Gyna Bivens and Elizabeth Beck | | City Manager's Review: | Page: |
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It is proposed that City Council:

1. Adopt the attached resolution designating portions of East Rosedale Street between Miller Avenue and Fort Worth city limits in the memory of Reby Cary.
2. Waive the fee for the application in the amount of \$700 and the associated fees for installing the sign toppers in the amount of \$2,400.00.

DISCUSSION:

It has been proposed that the portion of East Rosedale Street from Miller Avenue to the Fort Worth city limits, as depicted on the attached map, be designated in honor of the memory of Reby Cary.

Reby Cary was born September 9, 1920, in Fort Worth, graduated from I.M. Terrell High School in 1937, earned a Bachelor's degree in history and political science from Prairie View A&M University in 1941, completed his Master's degree in history and political science at Prairie View after his military service and undertook additional postgraduate work at North Texas State University (now University of North Texas) and at Texas Christian University.

Mr. Cary was drafted into military service in 1942 and became one of the first African Americans to graduate from the U.S. Coast Guard's radioman school. During World War II, he served on the USS Cambria in the Pacific.

Upon his return to Fort Worth, he established the McDonald College of Industrial Arts to offer job training for African Americans. He began teaching history at Dunbar High School, later becoming the first black instructor at Tarrant County Junior College in 1967 and then becoming the first black professor at UT Arlington in 1969.

Mr. Cary was the first black member of the Fort Worth ISD School Board, elected in 1974 and subsequently serving three terms in the Texas House of Representatives, his final term being in 1985.

Mr. Cary wrote more than 20 books on the history of African Americans in Fort Worth and in the military before his death on Dec. 7, 2018, in Fort Worth, at age 98.

On June 25, 2019, the City of Fort Worth named the Reby Cary Youth Library in his honor to enhance his legacy as a pioneering educator who served his country and community in a multitude of powerful ways.

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The City of Fort Worth wishes to further recognize the legacy of Reby Cary and his contributions to the City of Fort Worth by designating a portion of East Rosedale Street between Miller Avenue and the Fort Worth city limits in his honor, as depicted on the attached map.

In order to waive the application fee and sign fabrication and installation costs, the City Council is required to find that (1) that the waiver carries out a public purpose; and (2) there are sufficient controls to ensure that the public purpose is carried out. Given the legacy of Reby Cary in Fort Worth, the memorial designation and fee waiver are appropriate and serve a public purpose. If approved TPW will fabricate and install street sign toppers on appropriate street signs 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:

Gyna Bivens
Councilmember

Elizabeth M
Beck

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Elizabeth Beck
Councilmember

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A Resolution

NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE HONORARY DESIGNATION OF A PORTION OF EAST ROSEDALE STREET BETWEEN MILLER AVENUE AND FORT WORTH CITY LIMITS FOR REBY CARY

WHEREAS, Reby Cary was born September 9, 1920, in Fort Worth, graduated from I.M. Terrell High School in 1937, earned a Bachelor's degree in history and political science from Prairie View A&M University in 1941 completed his master's degree in history and political science at Prairie View after his military service and undertook additional postgraduate work at North Texas State University (now University of North Texas) and at Texas Christian University; and

WHEREAS, Reby Cary was drafted into military service in 1942 and became one of the first African Americans to graduate from the U.S. Coast Guard's radioman school. During World War II, he served on the USS Cambria in the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, upon his return to Fort Worth, he established the McDonald College of Industrial Arts to offer job training for African Americans. He began teaching history at Dunbar High School, later becoming the first black instructor at Tarrant County Junior College in 1967 and then becoming the first black professor at UT Arlington in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cary was the first black member of the Fort Worth ISD School Board, elected in 1974 and subsequently serving three terms in the Texas House of Representatives, his final term being in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cary wrote more than 20 books on the history of African Americans in Fort Worth and in the military before his death on December. 7, 2018, in Fort Worth, at age 98; and

WHEREAS, On June 25, 2019, the City of Fort Worth named the Reby Cary Youth Library in his honor to enhance his legacy as a pioneering educator who served his country and community in a multitude of powerful ways; and

WHEREAS the City of Fort Worth wishes to further recognize the legacy of Reby Cary and his contributions to the City of Fort Worth by designating a portion of East Rosedale Street between Miller Avenue and the Fort Worth city limits in his honor, as depicted on the attached map

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

In recognition of his contributions to the City of Fort Worth, the segment of East Rosedale Street from Miller Avenue to the eastern Fort Worth city limits is hereby designated in honor of Reby Cary.

Adopted this _____ day of _____ 2021.

ATTEST

Janette Goodall, City Secretary

Reby Cary Memorial Designation

Council & Mayor Project Limit Map

East Rosedale Street from Miller Avenue to Fort Worth City Limit

