

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

ORDER OF COUNCILLORS CHUCK TURNER AND JOHN CONNOLLY

APPROVING THE DESIGNATION OF THE MATTAPAN LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM

- WHEREAS:** Alice White Yancey, a community activist, fought for the education and enrichment of not only her children but all children in the City of Boston; and,
- WHEREAS:** Alice Yancey valued education and public service. As president of several home and school associations, she was involved in the Boston Schools desegregation fight. She participated in discussions with the Boston School committee advocating for equal opportunities for all of Boston's school students; and,
- WHEREAS:** Alice Yancey was involved in the civil rights movement in Boston during the 1960's. She met with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. many times and after his assassination, she worked with other community members to rename the Patrick T. Campbell Junior High School in his honor; and,
- WHEREAS:** Alice Yancey was a community activist who organized street cleanup campaigns, fought for tot lots and playgrounds for the children of Boston and he held community meetings in her home with Mayors John F. Collins and Kevin H. White and was named Citizen of the Year by Mayor Raymond L. Flynn; and
- WHEREAS:** Alice Yancey served on the Board of Directors of the Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD), Roxbury Multi-Service Center, Model Cities, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary and the Shattuck Homeless Shelter; and,
- WHEREAS:** The Friends of the Mattapan Library are seeking to honor Alice's memory in a way that she and her family would find appropriate; and
- WHEREAS:** Letters have been submitted to and from the Boston Public Library Trustees to name the Community Room, located within the Mattapan branch of the Boston Public Library, after Alice White Yancey; and,
- WHEREAS:** The petition was made under the Naming Policy adopted by the Trustees in March 2003; and,
- WHEREAS:** The Boston Public Library Naming Policy requires, in part, a unanimous vote of the City Council. Be It therefore,
- ORDERED:** That the City Council approves the designation of the Mattapan Library Community Room, located in the Mattapan branch of the Boston Public Library, as "The Alice White Yancey Community Room".

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