

RESOLUTION NO. 29739

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHATTANOOGA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ERECT COMMEMORATIVE SECONDARY STREET NAME SIGNS ON DODSON AVENUE FROM OCOEE STREET TO LAURA STREET DESIGNATING SAID PORTION OF DODSON AVENUE AS "JERRY MARSHALL SR. MEMORIAL PARKWAY".

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, it is hereby authorizing the Chattanooga Department of Transportation to erect commemorative secondary street name signs on Dodson Avenue from Ocoee Street to Laura Street designating said portion of Dodson Avenue as "Jerry Marshall Sr. Memorial Parkway".

ADOPTED: December 11, 2018

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JERRY MARSHALL SR

The Beginning:

Jerry Marshall Sr. born December 5, 1949, grew up in a household with six brothers on the south-side of Chattanooga, but in a neighborhood surrounded by numerous family members (cousins especially), that would later play a major a part in the reason why he chose a career in Parks and Recreation.

While growing up on the south-side of Chattanooga, he saw and knew the struggle that not only his intermediate family continuously had, but his other family members alike, this made him stronger as a person and gave him the fuel and determination to beat the odds.

Education:

The constant visits to the neighborhood recreation center (Wesley Community Center) on Main Street to play both baseball and basketball paid off. He would later play basketball for Howard High School for two years and graduate in 1970.

Work Facts:

Great work ethics was instilled in him at an early age, because he helped his father at Chattanooga Fisheries part time, which later lead him to work as a laborer for Modern Maid as a means to provide for his newly found family until the career of his choice became an option for him with Chattanooga Parks and Recreation.

It was there at Chattanooga Parks and Recreation that he began working as a facility manager and later a Program Coordinator. Even though those were his given job titles, he wore many hats and embraced the obstacles and roles that were presented to him without any hesitation. Along with helping troubled youth at then Cumberland Hall for more than 10 years, while continuing his daily duties for Chattanooga Parks and Recreation for almost 30 years. He wore the hat of a father (of 8 kids), father-figure, mentor, coach, counselor, leader, advocate, supervisor, husband, brother, and friend.

With his passion being kids, he knew and understood that all kids did not come from a perfect household, that some came from troubled lives and different up-bringing. He made it his personal goal to show them not only sports, but also life lessons involving saying no to drugs and yes to education, family, financial responsibility, how to be respectful, and the emphasis on just being a kid. Whenever and wherever extra time was needed, he was the first one up for the challenge. He was extremely

dedicated to the mission of helping others without the question of being compensated for his help, he was the first one to arrive and the last to leave, and gaining as much knowledge as he could not only to better himself, but also to make others better around him by attending as many educational seminars and conferences that he could possibly attend.

Major Achievements:

He received numerous Coaches, Service, Leadership, and Personal Achievement awards from Chattanooga Parks and Recreation over the many years he was employed there, while also being the recipient of the Robert H. Horsley Award by the Tennessee Recreation Park Association.

The End:

Sadly he passed away May 27, 2012 before he could finish his mission. However, the countless hours that he put forth in helping those in need have spoken for itself and will not be forgotten, along with his love for the Lord.

In 2013, is when the Jerry Marshall Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund was created through the Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga to help graduating seniors who are deserving and in need of financial assistance toward college. It is with this scholarship fund, that his first love (kids) will remain the number one priority and mission.