

1 **STATE OF GEORGIA**
2 **COUNTY OF FULTON**
3 **CITY OF SOUTH FULTON**

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5 **A RESOLUTION URGING UNANIMITY OF THE GEORGIA CONGRESSIONAL**
6 **DELEGATION IN SPONSORSHIP OF LEGISLATION URGING CONGRESS TO**
7 **RENAME THE FULTON INDUSTRIAL POST OFFICE POSTHUMOUSLY FOR THE**
8 **HONORABLE JOHN ROBERT LEWIS AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES**
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10 **(Sponsored by Councilwoman Rowell)**
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12 **WHEREAS**, the City of South Fulton ("City") is a municipal corporation duly
13 organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia;
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15 **WHEREAS**, the duly elected governing authority of the City is the Mayor and
16 Council thereof ("City Council");

17 **WHEREAS**, federal legislation renaming United States Postal Service (USPS)
18 facilities for persons has become a common practice in the US;

19 **WHEREAS**, renaming a USPS post office is overseen by the US House Oversight
20 and Government Reform and Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
21 committees and requires unanimity of a state's congressional delegation and passage of
22 the naming bill to the floor of the US House or Senate;

23 **WHEREAS**, the renaming process does not change either the impacted facilities'
24 services or identification of the facility by its geographic location;

25 **WHEREAS**, John Robert Lewis (February 21, 1940 – July 17, 2020) was an
26 American politician and civil rights leader who served 17 terms in the US House of
27 Representatives for Georgia's 5th congressional district, from 1987 until his death;

28 **WHEREAS**, the late and former Congressman Lewis additionally served as the
29 Chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) from 1963 to 1966
30 and was one of the "Big Six" leaders of the groups that organized the 1963 March on
31 Washington;

32 **WHEREAS**, the late and former Congressman Lewis fulfilled many key roles in the
33 civil rights movement, which helped bring an end to legalized racial segregation in the
34 US;

35 **WHEREAS**, due to his length of service, the late and former Congressman Lewis
36 became the dean of the Georgia congressional delegation;

37 **WHEREAS**, the late and former Congressman Lewis was also a leader of the
38 Democratic Party in the US House of Representatives, serving from 1991 as a Chief
39 Deputy Whip and from 2003 as Senior Chief Deputy Whip;

40 **WHEREAS**, the late and former Congressman Lewis received many honorary
41 degrees and awards, including the coveted Presidential Medal of Freedom from the 44th
42 US President Barack Hussein Obama II;

43 **WHEREAS**, the City desires through this Resolution to encourage congressional
44 support for the renaming of the post office within the City, located at 5686 Fulton Industrial
45 Blvd., SW, Atlanta, GA 30336, in honor of the late and former Congressman Lewis; and

46 **WHEREAS**, this resolution is in the best interests of the health, safety and general
47 welfare of the nation, State of Georgia and City.

48 **THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA, HEREBY**
49 **RESOLVES** as follows:

50 **Section 1.**

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52 **A. Request to Georgia Congressional District.** The City of South Fulton hereby
53 requests for all members of the Georgia Congressional Delegation to support
54 legislation urging Congress to rename the post office located at 5686 Fulton
55 Industrial Blvd., SW, Atlanta, GA 30336, in honor of the late and former
56 Congressman John Robert Lewis.

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58 **B. Instruction to City Clerk.** The City Clerk is hereby instructed to mail a certified
59 copy of this resolution to each member of the Georgia Congressional Delegation.
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62 **Section 2.** It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that: (a) All
63 sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Resolution are or were,
64 upon their enactment, believed by the City Council to be fully valid, enforceable and
65 constitutional.

66 (b) To the greatest extent allowed by law, each and every section, paragraph, sentence,
67 clause or phrase of this Resolution is severable from every other section, paragraph,
68 sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution. No section, paragraph, sentence, clause
69 or phrase of this Resolution is mutually dependent upon any other section, paragraph,
70 sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution.

(c) In the event that any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Resolution shall, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, it is the express intent of the City Council that such invalidity, unconstitutionality or unenforceability shall, to the greatest extent allowed by law, not render invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of the Resolution.

Section 3. The City Attorney and City Clerk are authorized to make non-substantive editing and renumbering revisions to this Resolution for proofing, codification, and supplementation purposes. The final version of all resolutions shall be filed with the City Clerk.

Section 4. The effective date of this Resolution shall be the date of adoption, unless provided otherwise by the City Charter or state and/or federal law.

The foregoing RESOLUTION No. 2020-_____, adopted on _____ was offered by Councilmember _____, who moved its approval. The motion was seconded by Councilmember _____, and being put to a vote, the result was as follows:

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114 William "Bill" Edwards, Mayor	_____	_____
115 Carmalitha Gumbs, Mayor Pro Tem	_____	_____
116 Catherine Foster Rowell	_____	_____
117 Helen Zenobia Willis	_____	_____
118 Gertrude Naeema Gilyard	_____	_____
119 Corey Reeves	_____	_____
120 khalid kamau	_____	_____
121 Mark Baker	_____	_____
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124 THIS RESOLUTION adopted this _____ day of _____2020. **CITY OF**

125 **SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA**

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130 WILLIAM "BILL" EDWARDS, MAYOR

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133 ATTEST:

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137 CORY E. ADAMS, INTERIM CITY CLERK

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139 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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143 EMILIA C. WALKER, CITY ATTORNEY