

Proclamation

OFFICE OF MAYOR FRANK G. JACKSON

City of Cleveland, Ohio

In recognition of

The Honorable Sara J. Harper Day

Celebrating 90 Years of Life, Service and Commitment

- Whereas*, on behalf of the citizens of the city of Cleveland, it is my pleasure to declare August 10, 2016, as The Honorable Sara J. Harper Day as she is honored by the Cuyahoga County Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) for her service and commitment with a street dedication in her honor. It is on this day that she also celebrates her 90th birthday and the community recognizes her tireless and selfless years of dedication to the people of Cleveland; and,
- Whereas*, Judge Harper, a native Clevelander, graduated from Cleveland Public Schools and received her undergraduate and law degrees from Case Western Reserve University (CWRU); she was the first African American woman to graduate from CWRU's Law School; and,
- Whereas*, Judge Harper, an Outhwaite resident, remains very active in the Outhwaite community and works closely with low income youth and families at the library named in her honor. Today, we celebrate all that she has given to the Cleveland community with a street dedication ceremony; and,
- Whereas*, a trailblazer, Judge Harper consistently broke barriers during her career. She served as a prosecutor and Judge for the Cleveland Municipal Court; was the first African American woman to run for Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court; was the first woman to serve on the judiciary of the United States Marine Corps Reserve; and, co-founded the first victims' rights program in the country. She was also one of the first African American females to win a seat on the Ohio Court of Appeals in 1990 and was assigned to sit on the Ohio Supreme Court in 1992. A longstanding and diligent public servant, she retired as a Judge from the Ohio Eighth District Court of Appeals; and,
- Whereas*, devoted to her community, Judge Harper served on many board and committees with a focus on civil and human rights. She is a tenacious woman, who has spent her life fighting for equality and giving back to our community. She has made a positive and lasting impact on her family, friends, the Cleveland community, the State of Ohio and our nation. She is truly a remarkable woman and role model for all.

Now therefore, I, Frank G. Jackson, the 56th Mayor of the City of Cleveland, do hereby offer this Proclamation in recognition of the Honorable Sara J. Harper as she is honored by CMHA with a street dedication for her diligent and undeniable service to the community and as she celebrates her birthday. I invite all Clevelanders to join me in wishing Judge Harper a grand celebration and a life complete with love and happiness.

In witness thereof, I have set my hand and caused the Corporate Seal of the City of Cleveland to be affixed on this 10th day of August in the year 2016.



Mayor Frank G. Jackson