

Elkins Historic Landmarks Resolution 2019_1

Support for renaming Robert E. Lee Avenue to Katherine Johnson Avenue.

WHEREAS, Katherine Johnson was born August 26, 1918, in White Sulphur Springs, WV and

WHEREAS, Katherine Coleman Goble Johnson is a graduate of West Virginia State University (1937), West Virginia and

WHEREAS, Katherine Johnson received the Presidential Medal of Freedom and

WHEREAS, Katherine Johnson was a mathematician whose calculations of orbital mechanics as a NASA employee were critical to the success of the first and subsequent U.S. manned spaceflights which have been documented in the 2016 film Hidden Figures and

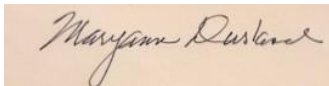
WHEREAS, NASA recently renamed a facility, which is in Fairmont, W.Va., as the Katherine Johnson Independent Verification and Validation Facility. The program housed at the facility monitors the software used to track high-profile NASA missions. And

WHEREAS, Elkins Historic Landmarks Commission's purpose is to identify historically important properties for purposes of Preservation such as buildings, structures, sites, areas, and objects, we are also critically aware of the importance of change. And

WHEREAS, the board members of Elkins Historic Landmarks Commission highly value positioning role models in ways that create recognition and further public interest in our current STEM environment, such as students in the Middle School which would be located on this street.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Elkins Historic Landmarks Commission supports the need to rename Robert E. Lee Avenue to Katherine Johnson Avenue

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Elkins Historic Landmarks Commission Passed and adopted this resolution, 16 day of April 2019.



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