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Legislation Text

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ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS DESIGNATING THE CORNER OF GRAND AVENUE AND HAVEN STREET “EMMA JONES JUSTICE FOR MALIK WAY” IN PERPETUITY.

WHEREAS: Malik Jones, was a lifelong resident of New Haven, loving son;

WHEREAS: on April 14th, 1997, Malik Jones was involved in a car chase from East Haven to New Haven;

WHEREAS: ended with the unarmed young man shot to death;

WHEREAS: his mother Emma Jones pursued the case in court;

WHEREAS: the officer was not indicted by a grand jury;

WHEREAS: Ms. Jones later won a verdict against the Town of East Haven and the officer when a jury ruled the officer's actions had violated her son's civil rights;

WHEREAS: through her continued effort and influence Ms. Jones efforts led to the creation of a statewide racial profiling team;

WHEREAS: the City of New Haven's Board of Alders passing an ordinance that created an independent Civilian Review Board to investigate police misconduct;

WHEREAS: in a major step forward the Civilian Review Board has subpoena power - the ability to legally require witnesses, including police officers to testify or produce material evidence; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY the New Haven Board of Alders that in memory of Malik Jones the corner of Grand Avenue and Haven Street be designated as “Emma Jones Justice For Malik Way” as an official and permanent reminder.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Department of Transportation, Traffic and Parking is hereby directed and authorized to implement this Order.