From: S. Antanette Mosley <antanettemosley@avlcouncil.com>
Sent: 3/12/2021 6:07:03 PM
To: Jonathan Wainscott
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Subject: Re: Floyd McKissick Sr. Day...

Yes, indeed. I graduated from Carolina, and he was legendary. He and my father had a wonderful friendship. Thanks so much for your efforts

On Mar 12, 2021, at 4:32 PM, Jonathan Wainscott <jonwainscott@gmail.com> wrote:

You're quite welcome. Mr. McKissick's life is really quite amazing and so much more than I could cover in just three minutes. In one interview he mentioned his surname being given to his lineage from the Union County (South Carolina) McKissick family who were slave owners. James RIon McKissick became the President of the University of South Carolina and their Southern Heritage Museum is named after him. His father was a horrific man who fought in the Confederate army.It's a shame that the McKissick slave owners are still held in such high regard while the descendants of his slaves have been forgotten.
Gwen directed me to Sara in the clerk's office to assist with putting a resolution together so I'll get to work on that soon.
Thanks for your engagement on Council.

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On Fri, Mar 12, 2021 at 3:13 PM S. Antanette Mosley <antanettemosley@avlcouncil.com> wrote:
Thank you so much, Jonathan!

On Mar 12, 2021, at 8:38 AM, Jonathan Wainscott <jonwainscott@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Council,
I forgot to mention/ran out of time to mention during my comment in our informal discussion the other night that I'm hoping we can help bring more understanding of the remarkable life of Asheville born and raised son, Floyd McKissick Sr. by declaring his 100th birthday, March 9, 2022 to be Floyd McKissick Sr. Day in The City of Asheville. His name should also be considered when we change some of our street names. Perhaps we could even name the entire section of NC Highway 25 that runs through Asheville (Weaverville Road, Merrimon Ave, Broadway, Biltmore, and Hendersonville Road) to simply Floyd McKissick Sr. Highway or something.
I'm just going to send you some of the links that I found about Mr. McKissick for now. This is a great opportunity for this historic Council to help preserve some history that has been overlooked.

Thanks-
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https://www.crmvet.org/nars/floyd1.htm
https://www.blackpast.org/african-american-history/mckissick-floyd-b-1922-1991/
https://docsouth.unc.edu/sohp/A-0134/A-0134.html
https://mountainx.com/news/soul-city-an-asheville-natives-failed-utopian-dream/
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