



# CITY OF NEW YORK MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 10

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## **EDOUARD E. PLUMMER STREET CO-NAMING RESOLUTION**

### **RESOLUTION: TO SUPPORT THE CO-NAMING OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF WEST 114TH STREET & ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR. BOULEVARD TO EDOUARD E. PLUMMER PLACE**

**WHEREAS**, Manhattan Community Board 10 recommends the co-naming of the Southwest corner of West 114th Street and Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Boulevard to Edouard E. Plummer Place; and

**WHEREAS**, EDOUARD E. PLUMMER (May 22, 1928 - December 5, 2018) was an Inspirational educator; and

**WHEREAS**, Edouard E. Plummer, in 1958 began his lifelong tenure at Wadleigh High School as a mathematics and social studies teacher; and

**WHEREAS**, His dedication to education led Mr. Plummer to create the Wadleigh ABC Scholarship Program in 1964 enabling gifted students to obtain scholarships to private schools; and

**WHEREAS**, The year 2024 marks the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Wadleigh ABC Scholarship Program now known as the Wadleigh Scholars Program (WSP); and

**WHEREAS**, To date, the WSP has sent more than 600 students to over 80 prep schools throughout the country; and

**WHEREAS**, With the inception of his ABC Scholarship Program in 1964, The New York Times reported on its success; and gained Mr. Plummer the support of the local Harlem community reaping him financial assistance from local businessmen; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Plummer was additionally featured in the Amsterdam News, The Christian Science Monitor, The Daily News, The Herald Tribune, Saturday Review, and New York and Ebony Magazines to name a few; and

**WHEREAS**, To add to the success of the program, Mr. Plummer was also touted for his accomplishments in and outside of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Plummer's impactful career garnered merited his receipt of letters of recognition from the late President Lyndon B. Johnson, the late U.S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy, the late Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. and President Barack Obama; and

**WHEREAS**, During his lifetime, Mr. Plummer received numerous awards; i.e., the 21 Brands Unsung Hero Award, the Howard University Alumni Award, the American Institute for Public Service, the Thomas Jefferson Award, the West Virginia State University Alumnus of the Year Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Plummer went on to receive an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities from Glassboro State College and the Oprah Winfrey "Use Your Life Award," where he also appeared on Ms. Winfrey's show; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Plummer also made additional appearances on Good Morning America, The Regis Philbin Show, Bill Boggs Show and Best Talk in Town; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Plummer's legacy as having an extraordinary commitment and dedication to the Central Harlem community as an educator, mentor and founder of the Wadleigh's Scholars Program continues posthumously; and

**WHEREAS**, The Edouard Plummer Memorial Committee presented before the Transportation, Landmarks and Historic Preservation Committee on April 9th and May 14th, 2024, where the Committee voted unanimously to support the resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, The Executive Committee voted unanimously on May 29th 2024 to support the resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, The full Manhattan Community Board 10 voted unanimously in-support of the resolution with 33 votes on June 5th, 2024, and;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Manhattan Community Board 10 strongly recommends the preservation of the legacy of renowned educator Edouard E. Plummer by honoring him through the co-naming of the Southwest corner of West 114th Street and Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Boulevard to Edouard E. Plummer Place.