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February 28, 2023

Nyasha Smith
Secretary
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 2004

Dear Secretary Smith,

Today, I am introducing the **Alexander Crummell Way Designation Act of 2023**. Please find enclosed a signed copy of the legislation. This bill will symbolically designate the 1900 Block of Gallaudet St NE in Ward 5 in honor of Alexander Crummell, trail-blazing minister, scholar, and community organizer.

Born in 1819, and ordained in 1842 as an Episcopal priest, and traveled as an abolitionist lecturer. During his travels, he studied at Cambridge University in England where he was the first Black student and graduate. His travels further led him to Liberia. Upon his return to the United States in 1872, he was called to St. Mary's Episcopal Mission in Washington, DC, and founded St. Luke's Episcopal Church, the first independent Black Episcopal church in the city in 1875. Additionally, Crummell taught at Howard University from 1895-1897. He was an unwavering advocate for racial solidarity and Black advancement, receiving the honor and praise of later leaders such as W.E.B. Du Bois who paid tribute to Crummell with an essay in his 1903 book *The Souls of Black Folk*.

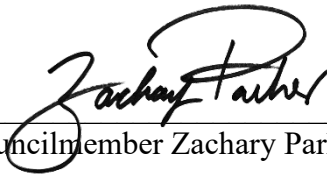
A school named in Alexander Crummell's honor is located at 1900 Gallaudet St NE, on the block this bill seeks to symbolically designate.

I submit this bill in an effort to help preserve the District's history and acknowledge the contributions of notable residents such as Alexander Crummell.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Zachary Parker".

Zachary Parker
Ward 5 Councilmember


Councilmember Zachary Parker

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To symbolically designate the 1900 Block of Gallaudet Street, N.E., in Ward 5, as Alexander Crummell Way.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Alexander Crummell Way Designation Act of 2023”.

Sec. 2. Pursuant to sections 401, 403a, and 423 of the Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official Code §§ 9-204.01, 9-204.03a, and 9-204.23), the Council symbolically designates the 1900 Block of Gallaudet Street, N.E., in Ward 5, as “Alexander Crummell Way.”.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

This act shall take effect after approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.