

AN ACT

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To designate the triangular park at the intersection of Western Avenue, Ellicott Street, N.W. and 48th Street, N.W., Reservation 454-n, in Ward 3, as the "Galen Tait Memorial Park".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Galen Tait Memorial Park Designation Act of 2000".

Sec. 2. Findings.

(a) Galen Tait lived from 1872 to 1953. He received his doctorate degree from The George Washington University, then known as Columbian University. He practiced law in Maryland and the District, served as Collector of Internal Revenue for Maryland and the District of Columbia from 1921 to 1933, and was a candidate for the U.S. Senate from Maryland in 1936.

(b) Galen Tait purchased the land now known as American University Park in 1892 and, with his associates, bought, improved, and resold properties in Northwest Washington and Maryland, securing the grading and paving of Massachusetts Avenue from Westmoreland Circle to Chevy Chase Circle.

(c) It is estimated that once vacant property developed by Galen Tait became homes for 10,000 residents of the District of Columbia and Maryland, including the area presently known as American University Park.

(d) Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3E has endorsed the efforts of the incorporated group "Friends of Tait Park" in their creative plan to beautify the triangular park located at the juncture of Western Avenue, Ellicott Street, N.W. and 48th Street, N.W.

Sec. 3. Pursuant to section 401 of the Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982 the Council of the District of Columbia designates the triangular park located at the intersection of Western Avenue, Ellicott Street, N.W. and 48th Street, N.W., in Ward 3, (Reservation 454-n) as the "Galen Tait Memorial Park".

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Sec. 4. The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement In the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code § 1-233(c)(3)).

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of a veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), approval by the Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority as provided in section 203(a) of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Act of 1995, approved April 17, 1995 (109 Stat. 116; D.C. Code § 47-392.3(a)), 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. Code § 1-233(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia