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**COUNCILMEMBER FELDER INTRODUCES
TWO STREET RENAMING BILLS**

New legislation would rename the 20 Block of 50th Street NE after Johnny Gant and the 1500 Block 45th Street after Kentrell Devaughn

Washington, DC – On Tuesday, September 29th, Councilmember Felder introduced two street renaming bills: the ‘*Johnny Gant Way Designation Act of 2026*’ and ‘*Kentrell Devaughn Way Designation Act of 2026*.’

The ‘*Johnny Gant Way Designation Act of 2026*’ designates the 20 block of 50th Street NE, between East Capitol Street NE and Ames Street NE in Ward 7, as “Johnny Gant Way.” Born and raised in Ward 7’s Lincoln Heights, John Lestant “Johnny” Gant Sr. was a proud, lifelong native Washingtonian whose journey embodied the spirit of the District. He rose to become a world-ranked welterweight boxing contender in the 1970s, compiling 45 professional victories and headlining historic local bouts against legends like Sugar Ray Leonard. After studying at the University of the District of Columbia, he successfully transitioned into the technology sector and worked for General Electric’s Computer Systems Division. He dedicated his later life to mentorship, establishing the Johnny Gant Foundation to provide sports, tutoring, and discipline to youth.

The ‘*Kentrell Devaughn Way Designation Act of 2026*’ designates the 1500 block of 45th Street NE, between Douglass Street NE and Quarles Street NE in Ward 7, as “Kentrell Devaughn Way.” Kentrell was a son, brother, coach, and mentor whose work touched young people throughout the Kenilworth community and across the District. He was tragically killed by gun violence on April 20, 2021, on the same block where he was born and raised. Honoring his memory recognizes both the loss the community carries and the investment he made in youth.

Read the full legislation:

- [B26-0838](#)
- [B26-0839](#)

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