

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 308

Approved June 15, 2001

RESOLVED, That the two schools at the B. J. Clanton Complex, "Mandella Woods Elementary School" and the "South Side Elementary School" be renamed as follows:

Mandella Woods Elementary School to be renamed - "The Charlotte Woods Elementary School"

South Side Elementary School to be renamed - "The Sergeant Cornel Young, Jr. Elementary School"

IN CITY COUNCIL  
JUN 7 2001  
READ AND PASSED AS AMENDED  
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Michael S. Clement  
CLERK

APPROVED  
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Uncle Raul  
MAYOR

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URBAN REDEVELOPMENT  
RENEWAL & PLANNING

*Michael B. Clement*  
Clerk  
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THE COMMITTEE ON  
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT  
RENEWAL & PLANNING  
Approves Passage of  
The Within Resolution

*Barbara A. Poiret*  
Clerk  
5/31/01

*Councilwoman Young and Councilman Sports*

## SERGEANT CORNEL YOUNG, JR.

- ◆ SERGEANT CORNEL YOUNG, JR., A LIFE- LONG RESIDENT OF PROVIDENCE AND A GRADUATE OF CLASSICAL HIGH.
- ◆ APPOINTED TO THE 57<sup>TH</sup> PROVIDENCE POLICE ACADEMY IN DECEMBER 1996 AND GRADUATED ON MAY 1997
- ◆ SEPTEMBER 29, 1997 HE WAS APPOINTED A PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER IN THE DEPARTMENT'S PATROL BUREAU.
- ◆ SGT. YOUNG WAS AWARDED THE MEDAL OF VALOR, AND PURPLE RIBBON FOR EXEMPLARY AND EXTRAORDINARY VALOR EXHIBITED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTY
- ◆ SGT. YOUNG DEVOTED HOURS TO COUNSELING POOR CHILDREN AT CHURCHES ACROSS THE CITY.
- ◆ SGT. YOUNG WAS THE FIRST CHILD OF MAJ. CORNEL YOUNG SR., WHO OVERSEES THE DEPARTMENTS COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICERS.
- ◆ SGT. YOUNG FOLLOWED HIS FATHER INTO THE PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT THREE YEARS AGO.
- ◆ SGT. YOUNG WAS "A FRIENDLY, WARM AND CARING, AND WILLING TO HELP ANYBODY, ANYTIME AND ANYPLACE, EVEN AT A GREAT PERSONAL SACRIFICE."
- ◆ YOUNG IS THE 6<sup>TH</sup> PROVIDENCE POLICE OFFICER SINCE 1928 THAT WAS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

# MERIT SERVICE AWARD



## SERGEANT CORNEL YOUNG, JR.

Sergeant Cornel Young, Jr. known to most of us as "Jai" was born at Woman and Infants Hospital to his parents, Cornel and Leisa Young on May 19, 1970. His parents were married in 1969 after graduating high school. He has a stepmother, Amy, brother, Joshua, sister, Jessica, and Leisa's companion, Alan Berry. His grandparents are Dorothy Dunn, Lizzie Young and the late Eddie Young.

As a child, he began day care at the Salvation Army Day Care Center, then went to Fogearty Elementary School, transferring to Bishop McVinney School. As a young child, he played the guitar and keyboard, loved to swim, go fishing, play sports, and spend time with his family and friends. He went on to Classical High School. Upon graduation, he went to New England Aero Tech College in Lexington, Massachusetts. After completion and still a young man, Jai held several jobs while trying to find his place in life.

He was also a tutor and mentor to young children in the Children's Crusade, a volunteer counselor at the Woman's Center, a counselor at the South Providence Boy's Club and several other organizations.

He joined the Providence Police Academy on October 1997. When he graduated from the Academy and I pinned his badge on him—that was one of my proudest moments.

During his brief career in the Providence Police Department, he gained the respect and love of his fellow officers, family, friends, and community.

On January 28, 2001, his fellow officers fatally shot Sergeant Cornel Young, Jr. while he was trying to assist them. The re has been a great void in our lives since his death.

"We opened up the Sergeant Cornel Young, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund through the Rhode Island Foundation to honor our son, and to let his legacy live on by giving students a chance to follow their dreams to better their lives and continue their education".



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## BIOGRAPHY OF MRS. CHARLOTTE WOODS

When I came to South Providence as a Sister of Mercy in the mid-sixties, I was assigned to work in the Inner City. One of the first people that I met was Charlotte Woods who lived in the Roger Williams Project at the time. She was already an activist in South Providence affiliating herself with many groups who were trying to make changes in the South Providence area.

There was a lot of money available at the time through the Model Cities grant and Miss Charlotte, as we called her, was a very stately soft-spoken very strong female. I worked with her at Fogarty School where she was in charge of community schools for the city. This was an enrichment program serving about 500 students from grades one through whatever and its main purpose was to tutor and enrich the lives of all neighborhood children, academically and socially. Various educational trips were planned as well as classes in sewing, cooking, wood-working, etc and camping arrangements.

I stayed affiliated with Miss Charlotte throughout the coming years as I also served on the same committees that she did. She was very active in the first busing programs regarding Flynn School, serving teen agers drop-in centers, a health center which was established in the Roger Williams Project, a food bank also in the project and many other programs which enriched the lives of the entire South Providence area.

I can remember the meetings being very tedious and many times rabble-rousing. I ran a settlement house in the Project at 107 Rugby Street sponsored by the South Providence Ministers Alliance. We had four apartments: one for the elderly who could come every day- it was probably the first Senior Citizens Center in the state; one for the titanic teens - a group of highly motivated teen agers who would be invited into the suburbs to speak to the students about race relations - and two apartments for tutoring 75 to 100 children a week. Miss Charlotte was totally involved in all these programs with me and was always there to

encourage and to get excited about each program.

Charlotte was a single parent of three boys. When I first met them they were very young teens. Her oldest son was a hydrocephalic confined in a wheel chair and totally incontinent. He never walked and therefore, as you can well imagine, he was a great source of joy and exhaustion. Since Charlotte had to work she had trained her other two boys - Joe and Bruce - to be totally responsible for Dougie while she was at her various meetings and committees. They used to hang out directly outside my window at Bethany House and I marvelled all the time about the care and love they gave to this brother. They took him everywhere they went. Every day between four and four-thirty Miss Charlotte would come dragging home from work with swollen ankles and she would greet her sons so gently and lovingly and tell them it was time to come home for supper. She never appeared tired to her children but just spoke in such a loving way to them and especially to Dougie in the wheel chair. I used to think what a hard task Dougie had to be having to be carried everywhere when he wasn't in the chair. He would have lots of seizures and needed constant attention.

During these years Miss Charlotte fought long and hard to get the Roger Williams Day Care Center started. It was not an easy task but through persistence and great strength she finally got Model Cities to agree to build the Day Care in Richardson Park. She kept a strong and forceful hand on everything that she had worked for and as I look back on those days I now see her as a prophet of her day. She loved to see the Day Care grow and prosper. Around this time she went on dialysis. It still never stopped her from her duties at hand.

She was the beginning of all the changes though she may have been forgotten by so many people who were not born when she was so active. The dialysis overtook her at the end and she died in her late fifties.

What a lady! A valient woman indeed!