



MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL

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COUNCILMEMBER
AT-LARGE

February 10, 2022

County Executive Marc Elrich
101 Monroe Street, 2nd Floor
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear County Executive Elrich:

I am writing to formally request that the Silver Spring Library be renamed the Brigadier General Charles McGee Library at Silver Spring, to honor the late Tuskegee Airman, Brigadier General Charles McGee. As you know, this great American hero passed peacefully at his home in Bethesda on January 6, 2022, at the age of 102.

Brig. Gen. McGee served in the all-black Tuskegee Airmen unit in World War II, followed by completing combat missions in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He fought against racism and for equality his entire career and paved the way for many African American service members. A Montgomery County resident for many years, Brig. Gen. McGee has always prioritized learning and engaging with young people and serves as a role model to so many Montgomery County residents and Americans.

It was my honor to get to know Brig. Gen. McGee and his family over the years. He was a man of integrity, intelligence, and grace. His memory will live on for years to come and we must do our part to keep his memory alive. It would be fitting that one of our largest county libraries - a place where we learn about history and also seek to better ourselves - be named after a man of such great honor.

I respectfully ask that you consider renaming the Silver Spring Library in honor of Brig. Gen. Charles McGee. Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Jawando".

Will Jawando
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