

# Press Release



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## Houston honors Eleanor Tinsley with newly renamed Eleanor Tinsley Way

**HOUSTON, May 5, 2010** – Today, Houston Council voted to rename Sterling Way to Eleanor Tinsley Way in honor of the recently deceased former Houston Council Member.

“Ms. Tinsley worked to improve the quality of life for all Houstonians and is a shining example of what a public servant should be and strive to be,” said Council Member James Rodriguez whose district the street is located and who proposed the name change.

Kathleen Ownby, daughter of the late Eleanor Tinsley said, “Our family is pleased that a street will be named Eleanor Tinsley Way. To have a school in southwest Houston, a park in downtown Houston and now a street in southeast Houston, shows how much Mother valued all of Houston. As a Houston ISD Trustee for 4 years and a City Council Member for 16 years, she loved attending events and representing Houston as a whole. The street is near the University of Houston, where my father taught in the History Department for over 35 years. Dad was always very supportive of Mother and her political efforts. We consider the location a tribute to him also.”

Tinsley served as a Houston City Council member elected at large for 16 years until her departure in 1996. She began the School Park or SPARK program, led efforts to remove billboard advertisements, and was a staunch supporter of quality of life issues.

The street is in southeast Houston between the Gulf Freeway and State Highway 35.

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