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To Thomas Depietro, President of the City of Hudson Common Council

Ref. 267-2 Local Law #2 of 2022
Process for the Naming of city street, City of Hudson NY.

In accordance with the criteria set forth by the City of Hudson, it is the request of myself representing Operation Unite, NY for consideration of an honorary dedication of street naming be establish in the name of Jacob Walthour Sr. and Barbara Jean Walthour. It is Requested that a portion of Warren Street be named "Jacob and Barbara Walthour Way"

Please see attached map (not to scale) of proposed location for street dedication.

The total length of Warren Street to be effected is approximately one eight of a mile. The bounding streets are Third Street and Second Street. The significant of this location is that on this block in 1982 the Walthor's establish the Savoia Bar and Restaurant.

The reason for honoring these to individual is as follows.

Jacob "Jake " and Is wife Barbara became one of Hudson's most successful business partners with a legacy of service and generosity the Hudson community. Together they raised three successful children all while building a business and putting others ahead of them selfs. Placing people and the community needs above profits. Jake and Barbara played a valued and significant role in the Black Community with their time, voices and financial resources.

They partnered to be agents of change in the Hudson community through volunteerism, sponsorship and without regard for social status.

In 1982 they co-founded the Savoia Bar Restaurant but renounced racial exclusivity, and sexual orientation bias in favor of inclusivity.

They served the residents and visitors to the city of Hudson regardless of race, religion, or economic status. They wanted a setting where all people regardless of their differences could gather under one roof. Together they managed the Savoia for 35 years becoming known as "the place to be" and one of upstate New York's longest standing Black owned businesses.

In 1970 The Walthour's along with a few members of the Black Community became the founding members of the Colored Citizen's Club in Hudson, which was one of the few private social clubs for Blacks ever established in New York. Jake being known for his integrity and business acumen was elected the club President.

Barbara's reputation for serving others gave her lasting popularity and influence in the business, social and political circles in Columbia County. She was often referred to as the "Mother of the Community".

Barbara was a founding member of Operation Unite New York Education and Cultural Arts program for youth in Columbia County. The Columbia County women's Alliance named Barbara to its 100 woman making a difference in Columbia County and called her a "pillar of the African American community".

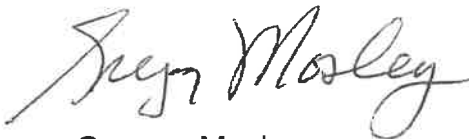
The Walthour's believed that words alone are not often enough to help people. Life required resources, opportunity and second chances. In their minds the world is not often fair and people needed someone in their corner to boost their confidence and financial support to not only succeed but to subsist. If a person needed food, bail money, rent money, tuition or charitable donations they could count on the Walthour's to help in any way possible.

It is for these reason listed and so much more that Operation Unite NY request that his wonderful honor and recognition be granted to Jacob Walthour Sr. and Barbara Jean (Ivery) Walthour to commemorate their many contributions to the City of Hudson community and humanity. The family name Walthour and the Savoia Bar and Restaurant is woven into the fabric of the City of Hudson. It is only fitting that their efforts to serve and unify all people that have traveled on Warren Street be memorialize with a street sign honoring their family legacy. They have truly served the City of Hudson.

On December 14, 2020, Jacob past away at the age of 79.

On January 12, 2022 Barbara at the age of 78 past aways after loosing her long battle to cancer

Respectfully submitted



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cc: City of Hudson Police Department
City of Hudson Department of Public Works
Honorably Kamal Johnson, Mayor, City of Hudson
Elena Mosley, Executive Director , Operation Unite, NY
Marcus Walthour, family

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