

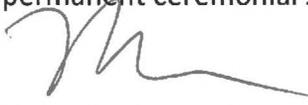
MOTION

John Thomas Young was born in Los Angeles on February 9th, 1949. He passed away in his hometown on May 8th, 2016. During his decades long career in baseball he played for the Tigers, became their first African-American director of scouting, and also scouted for the Padres and the Marlins. He is best remembered for his founding of Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities, RBI, a program that grew to open baseball opportunities to over 260,000 young people.

Young played all-league baseball in high school, in university played in N.C.A.A. Division II, and went on to play in the Major and Minor Leagues. It was as a scout that he noticed that Black and Latino prospects, from neighborhoods like his of South Los Angeles, were grossly underrepresented in the leagues. Realizing how much potential talent was going untapped, Young created RBI. The first RBI divisions were begun at Harvard and Algin Sutton parks in the 8th District. Since that point in 1989, the program has grown to over 200 cities, worldwide.

Council District 8 would like to commend John Thomas Young for his service to his community, his City, and baseball by dedicating the intersection West 90th Street and South Hoover Street in his honor.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection at West 90th Street and South Hoover Street be named as "John Thomas Young Square" and that the Department of Transportation be directed to erect permanent ceremonial signage to this effect at this location.

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