

Introduced by: Councilmember Robinson

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

Resolution 2010-46

Supporting the Renaming of Takoma Urban Park to Gilbert Kombe Park

- Whereas, Gilbert Kombe was a much loved and respected resident of Takoma Park, native of Zambia, who contributed to the quality of life in our community for many years; and
- Whereas, Gilbert Kombe passed away on November 6, 2009; and
- Whereas, the Park, known officially as Takoma Urban Park, lies in the area of Takoma Park where Gilbert Kombe lived and played and his family still resides; and
- Whereas, Gilbert Kombe was a humanitarian doctor who was a role model and mentor locally and globally; and
- Whereas, Gilbert Kombe's work in charity, HIV prevention world-wide, commitment to the homeless was a model for all of us; and
- Whereas, Gilbert Kombe was a tremendous asset to our community as a parent, coach, doctor and athlete; and
- Whereas, numerous friends and neighbors of Gilbert Kombe in the area surrounding Takoma Urban Park have expressed an outpouring of interest in renaming Takoma Urban Park as Gilbert Kombe Park; and
- Whereas, supporters of renaming the park feel that Gilbert Kombe embodied the open-hearted, globally aware spirit of Takoma Park; and
- Whereas, renaming Takoma Urban Park as a tribute to the work and life of Gilbert Kombe is supported by his family and the Westmoreland Area Community Organization; and
- Whereas, the City of Takoma Park supports renaming the park to Gilbert Kombe Park.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland that the City of Takoma Park supports the renaming of this park and expresses this support through this resolution to be forwarded to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and Montgomery County.

Adopted this 26th day of July, 2010.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk