

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2022-718

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Member Pittman

**Date of Introduction:** September 27, 2022

**Committee(s) of Reference:** NCSPHS, R, TEU

**Date of Analysis:** September 26, 2022

**Type of Action:** Honorary street designation and *Ordinance Code* waivers

**Bill Summary:** This bill designates a portion of Rowe Avenue to receive an honorary street designation for Apostle Dr. Gentle L. Groover, Sr., to be identified by the installation of two honorary roadside markers. The honoree is 90 years old, and the requirement that the honoree be deceased for at least five years in Section 745.105 (i)(2), *Ordinance Code* is waived. Section 745.105 (i)(3), *Ordinance Code* is waived because the honoree does not live within five miles of the designated road but instead, he is the lead pastor of the Greater Refuge Temple Church which is located on the designated road. The required amount (75% or more) of the affected property owners have consented to the proposed honorary designations directly or due to their non-response to the written notifications.

**Background Information:** The purpose of this legislation is to honor the life, service and character of Apostle Dr. Gentle L. Groover, Sr. by designating a portion of a roadway for him. Apostle Groover is an Army veteran who moved to Jacksonville in 1963 to start a mission church, eventually settling on a location at 1317 Rowe Avenue where the Greater Refuge Temple has operated for 24 years. Apostle Groover has served the community through service and philanthropy, he was elevated to several church leadership positions and mentored other pastors, and he has provided comfort and shelter to families in need. Apostle Groover has dedicated almost 60 years of his life to his ministry with the mission to improve the lives of others.

**Policy Impact Area:** Honorary street designation

**Fiscal Impact:** The applicant paid the cost (\$761) of the honorary markers

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