

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 26-0512 Honoring the life and legacy of Crayton “CB” Jones Jr.

WHEREAS Crayton “CB” Jones Jr. was a pillar of Denver’s Historic Five Points neighborhood, whose life and leadership helped shape the cultural and economic foundation of Black commerce in the city for decades; and

WHEREAS, alongside his wife of seventy years, Betty Whittaker, he co-founded C & B Cleaners in 1958, building not only a successful small business but a vital community institution that served as a gathering place, resource hub, and symbol of self-determination; and

WHEREAS Mr. Jones embodied a “build your own table” philosophy, creating opportunity where none existed and opening doors for generations of entrepreneurs, neighbors, and community members; and

WHEREAS, as president and treasurer of the Five Points Business Association, he served as a trusted connector and quiet strategist, helping broker relationships, support Black-owned businesses, and strengthen the economic vitality of Five Points during its historic peak; and

WHEREAS his business became an unofficial town square where stories, wisdom, and community ties were shared freely, reflecting his role as both a businessman and a steward of neighborhood history and culture; and

WHEREAS Mr. Jones’s life spanned and reflected critical chapters of American history, including the eras of segregation, the Civil Rights Movement, and the evolution of Black enterprise in Denver, making him a living archive of community memory and resilience; and

WHEREAS he was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and mentor whose values of integrity, loyalty, and service continue through his family and the many lives he touched; and

WHEREAS Crayton “CB” Jones Jr. passed away on December 16, 2025, at the age of 90, leaving behind a legacy that remains woven into the fabric of Five Points and the City and County of Denver.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE DENVER CITY COUNCIL:

Section 1. That the Denver City Council recognizes and honors the life and legacy of Crayton “CB” Jones Jr. and his indelible impact on the Five Points community.

Section 2. That the Clerk and Recorder of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to the Jones family.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL April 13, 2026

PRESIDENT

