

# 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

Signed by:

*Amanda P. Sandeval*

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PRESIDENT

