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Rainwater Family
2006 Southern Oaks
Carrollton, TX 75007

To The City of Carrollton,

We would like to propose to the City Council and Mayor, the name Rainwater, for consideration of having a public street in our city of Carrollton named for the Rainwater Family. Will you support a street honoring the name Rainwater who was one of the first families among the original Founders who came to the area originally in the 1800s?

When you consider that the City of Carrollton has name scores of streets honoring families, it might surprise you to learn that the Rainwater family has never been honored in anyway by city of Carrollton. In the City of Carrollton, many street bear the names of some examples Perry St, Nix, Jackson, Furneaux, Marchant, McCoy, Josey, and Gravley. We would be honored for a street in our city to proudly bear the name Rainwater.

I think this oversight is unfortunate due to the fact that George Rainwater was never honored. His family was one of the first black family in the 1800's when modern history of Carrollton began. The Rainwater's and Perry's family were among the original founders who came to the area. George Rainwater was a true pioneer who personified the American Dream better than anyone. He was known for not allowing segregation or the harsh words of other people to alter his belief that anything was possible through Preparation, Perseverance, and Patriotism.

He was a visionary who truly understood the principles of freedom and equality. His leadership was paramount to ensuring these principles are available to all Americans. In the community of Carrollton, Rainwater confronted prejudice with kindness, and opposed segregation by promoting equal rights regardless of race or color. He was known as the black leader among the colored and white families. He was one of the first members of the Board of Trustees of a Colored School. He was a charter member of the early church, (1890) Simms Chapel A.M.E. Church of Carrollton, TX.

Some of the Pioneer Sunday School leaders and Superintendents were: George Rainwater, Delia Rainwater, Rosie Rainwater, and C.W. Rainwater.

When The City of Carrollton was incorporated on June 14, 1913, by a vote of 52-23 the Rainwater family were there. We would like for 1900-2300 Jamestown Ln. to become "Rainwater Ln." A great family who deserves to always be remembered. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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