

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1552**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Russell E. Holmes*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act designating the Charlestown division of Boston Municipal Court as the George Lewis Ruffin Courthouse.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Lydia Edwards</i>	<i>Third Suffolk</i>	<i>11/15/2023</i>

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By Representative Holmes of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1552) of Russell E. Holmes for legislation to designate the Charlestown division of Boston Municipal Court as the George Lewis Ruffin courthouse. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1664 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act designating the Charlestown division of Boston Municipal Court as the George Lewis Ruffin Courthouse.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           The Charlestown District courthouse in the city of Charlestown shall be designated and  
2 known as the George Lewis Ruffin Courthouse in honor of the honorable George Lewis Ruffin,  
3 the first African American to graduate from Harvard Law School, first African American to  
4 serve on the Boston City Council, elected to the Massachusetts Legislature in 1870, and the first  
5 African American Judge in the United States that was appointed in 1883 and served in the  
6 Charlestown District Court, for his many contributions to the judiciary, the bar and the people of  
7 the city of Boston. The division of capital asset management and maintenance shall erect and  
8 maintain suitable markers bearing the designation in compliance with the standards of the  
9 division