

HOUSE No. 5058

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 9, 2026.

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1761) of Russell E. Holmes for legislation to designate the Charlestown division of Boston Municipal Court as the George Lewis Ruffin courthouse, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5058) ought to pass.

For the committee,

MICHAEL S. DAY.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

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, to serve on the Boston City
4 Council and to be appointed as a judge in Massachusetts, who served as a judge in the
5 Charlestown District Court, for his many contributions to the judiciary, the bar and the people of
6 the city of Boston. The division of capital asset management and maintenance shall erect and
7 maintain suitable markers bearing the designation in compliance with the standards of the
8 division