

HOUSE No.

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>1/14/2025</i>

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**
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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