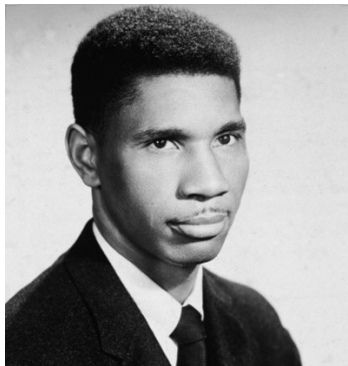




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## **Bill Renaming Brooklyn Subway Stations to Honor Medgar Evers College Signed into Law**

*Franklin Avenue – Medgar Evers College and President Street – Medgar Evers College*



**Brooklyn, New York** - Assemblymember Richardson (D-Brooklyn) announced that a bill she authored to change the names of the MTA's Franklin Avenue and President Street stops to Medgar Evers College subway stations has been signed into law (A.1512A/ Chp. 669).

"I am thrilled for the name changes of the MTA's Franklin and President Subway stops to recognize the great civil rights leader, Medgar Evers. As an alumnus of Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn, I am honored to have authored legislation and proud to have worked with the Crown Heights community to make this happen. Medgar Evers College is a staple for our district and serves as a door of opportunity for our students. Its impact on our community is being celebrated and receiving the recognition that it deserves," said **Assemblymember Diana Richardson**.

The stations, both near Medgar Evers College, aim to recognize the college's contribution to the community and honor the late civil rights leader. Medgar Evers was a World War II Army veteran who returned home and worked tirelessly to end segregation at the University of Mississippi and expand opportunities for African-Americans, which included the enforcement of voting rights.

"Renaming the Franklin and President subway stations to recognize Medgar Evers College will literally put one of our community's most cherished institutions on the map. This community has asked for these renamings and today, we are proud to say that their representatives have heeded their call," said **Senator Zellnor Y. Myrie**.

"We are so pleased that Governor Cuomo has signed this bill into law. As a neighborhood stalwart since 1970, Medgar Evers College is synonymous with Crown Heights, and by extension, we are inextricably linked to the subway stations that serve our community. The

renaming of the subway stations reflects the profound contribution that Medgar Evers College has made to Central Brooklyn. It is emblematic of the critical role that we will continue to play as we celebrate our 50th year of serving students and changing the trajectory of their lives,” said **Rudolph F. Crew, Ed.D, President of Medgar Evers College.**

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Assemblymember Diana C. Richardson (D, WFP - 43rd AD), represents the 43rd Assembly District, which covers Crown Heights, Prospect Lefferts Gardens, Wingate and East Flatbush. She currently serves on the Committee on Banking, the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions; the Committee on Mental Health and the Committee on Small Business. She was first elected to office in 2015.

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