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George Fleming Place to open

The Low Income Housing Institute's George Fleming Place, at 7357 43rd Ave. S., is set to open Thursday. The building's 106 apartments will serve families with children, veterans and low-wage workers. Ten apartments will be set aside for families with children fleeing Afghanistan.

George Fleming Place is named in honor of former Washington Husky football star George Fleming, Washington's first African American state senator. He was elected in 1971 and represented the 37th District of Southeast Seattle/Rainier Valley for 22 years. LIHI is specifically honoring Fleming for being the prime sponsor in the Senate for legislation creating the state Housing Trust Fund in 1986, now a nationally recognized program. Fleming also established the Washington State Housing Finance Commission in 1983 and established the Office of Minority & Women's Business Enterprise.

Gov. Jay Inslee has issued a proclamation declaring Oct. 14 as George Fleming Day for his extraordinary service to the community.

"It is appropriate that this building is named to honor George Fleming," Inslee said. "His leadership in the state legislature to create more affordable housing and support for low-income people, has resulted in a legacy that impacts current and future generations. George honed his leadership skills on the football field and took those lessons to help communities all over our state."

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