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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
COUNTY OF ESSEX

RESOLUTION NO. _____
PROPOSED BY: FREEHOLDER TIMBERLAKE
SUBJECT:

AUTHORITY FOR RESOLUTION N.J.S.A. 40:41A-38(q)
AUTHORITY FOR ACTION C.C.E 2-29 (B)

IN MEMORIAM

MARY E. PATTERSON

WHEREAS, Mary E. Patterson is being remembered upon her passing from this life on Saturday, December 10, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Mary E. Patterson moved to East Orange, New Jersey, from Doth, Alabama, with her family at the age of 7 as 1 of 3 children. At an early age, she demonstrated leadership abilities at school and in the community; and

WHEREAS, Mary E. Patterson attended East Orange High School and Kean College (now Kean University); and

WHEREAS, Mary E. Patterson worked with Prudential Insurance Company and Career Development Institute and was appointed to the East Orange Board of Education in 1970 where she served until 1974. She was recruited to serve as Research Aide for former 5th Ward Council Members William S. Thomas, Harold Karns, and Ralph Harris in 1975 where she served for 4 years. She dedicated herself to seeking ways to help improve the quality of life in the City of East Orange; and

WHEREAS, Mary E. Patterson served as Executive Director of the East Orange Community Development Corporation (EOCDC), in 1979. Under her leadership, the EOCDC became a vital and effective social service agency; and

WHEREAS, Mary E. Patterson accepted a position as a Social Worker with the Essex County Division of Youth Services in 1984. She returned to the City of East Orange as the Manager of Consumer Services and Complaints in 1986, providing assistance to residents experiencing difficulty with municipal services or local businesses; and

WHEREAS, Mary E. Patterson was elected to the East Orange City Council in 1991, a high point in the public service career of a dedicated, committed, and proven leader. She represented the 5th Ward with honesty, integrity, and accountability. During her tenure, she strived to cast votes with careful deliberation and independence. These virtues have earned her the respect of her colleagues and the citizens of the 5th Ward who elected her to the City Council three times. During her three terms, she sponsored legislation to regulate the use of municipal vehicles and introduced the ordinance that provides for state reimbursement maximum pay for employees who are called up for military service. She assisted eligible senior citizens in applying for state property tax reimbursements and spearheaded the initiative to redevelop the 5th Ward's "Teen Streets". After 15 years of service, she retired from the City Council on March 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Mary E. Patterson was a longtime member of St. Paul A.M.E. Church. She taught Sunday School, co-founded the Community Outreach Ministry, and directed Inspirational Choir/Gospel Chorus and the St. Paul Mass Choir; and

WHEREAS, Mary E. Patterson was at the forefront of social change in the City of East Orange where she resided for over 60 years. She has worked hand-in-hand with both elected officials and other community leaders in an effort to make East Orange the ideal place to live, work, and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, Mary E. Patterson devoted her time between being a homemaker, parent, and community servant and was known as a tireless bundle of joy. She married her high school sweetheart The Reverend Robert "Pat" Patterson. She and her husband Reverend Patterson relocated to Deltona, Florida, and together they became the proud parents of Scott, Vincent, Robert and Robin; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby celebrates the life and mourns the passing of Mary E. Patterson and offers their heartfelt condolences to her family; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Mary E. Patterson.

Michael J. Portantino

Approved as to form and legality _____

Freeholder Counsel

RECORD OF VOTE (X=Vote N.V.=Abstention ABS=Absent)

Moved by Freeholder _____

Second by Freeholder _____

Freeholder	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS	Freeholder	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS
BOBADILLA					RICHARDSON				
GILL, V.P.					SEBOLD				
JOHNSON					TORO				
JONES									
LUCIANO					TIMBERLAKE, PRES.				

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Resolution was () adopted () defeated () tabled by roll call vote at a _____ meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Essex, New Jersey held on _____

Is Publication Required () Yes () No

Date Published _____

Brincee N. Timberlake, President