

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
COUNTY OF ESSEX

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RESOLUTION NO. _____
PROPOSED BY: FREEHOLDER GILL
SUBJECT:

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

IN MEMORIAM

WESLEY MAE GROSIER RODGERS

WHEREAS, Wesley Mae Grosier Rodgers of Newark, New Jersey, is being remembered upon her passing from this life on Thursday, April 2, 2020, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, Wesley Mae Grosier Rodgers affectionately known as "Mother Rodgers", was born on January 28, 1934, to her late parents, Mr. Wesley Horace Gosier and Mrs. Ruth Gosier. She was born in Cocoa, Florida, but later moved to Moultrie, Georgia, where she lived most of her childhood. As an adult, she moved to Westwood, New Jersey, and then Newark, New Jersey, which became her final hometown; and

WHEREAS, Wesley Mae Grosier Rodgers was an entrepreneur in her own right. After working at H. Goodman & Son, she launched two clothing stores, Scrappy and Tise and Carolyn Clothing. Although the clothing stores specialized in ladies' apparel, her vision expanded, and she began to sell children's clothing; and

WHEREAS, Wesley Mae Grosier Rodgers' selfless service and compassion for others shifted her career. She worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant at Hilltop Care Center and White House Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center. She was also a counselor at the Division of Youth and Family Services. Upon retiring from the healthcare field, she opened her home and became a foster parent to numerous children. She always had a big heart and would give to anyone in need without hesitation; and

WHEREAS, Wesley Mae Grosier Rodgers was a woman of faith, a caregiver, and a provider. In addition to being the Church Mother of Community Chapel of Christ Ministries, she was also the church chef. She loved cooking, sewing, gardening, watching her favorite television shows, and most importantly, spending time with her family; and

WHEREAS, Wesley Mae Grosier Rodgers was blessed with a large and loving family. She taught her family to stick together and always have each other's back. A woman of beauty, strength, and love, she was the matriarch. Although the world knew her as Mother Rodgers, she was simply Mommo, Nan, and Granny to her family; and

WHEREAS, Wesley Mae Grosier Rodgers is survived by children, Laura Williams, Joseph Fann, Yolonda Lee, Lisa Johnson, Leslie Rodgers, Felisca Rodgers, and Aretha Rodgers; 31 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; 8 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Rodgers; former husband, Herman Fann; children, Grace Weaver, Carolyn Fann, Thelma Fann, Herman Fann, Anthony Fann, and Jacob Fann; her parents; and her older sister and brother-in-law, Thelma and Odell Spradley; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby celebrates the life and mourns the passing of Wesley Mae Grosier Rodgers, 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 Wesley Mae Grosier Rodgers.

Approved as to form and legality

Michael J. P... ..
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
COOPER					POMARES				
GRAHAM					RICHARDSON, V.P.	✓			
JOHNSON					SEBOLD				
LUCIANO									
MERCADO					GILL, 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 _____

Brendan W. Gill, President