



Proclamation



Whereas,

We, the City Council of the City of Berkeley remember Mrs. Hazel Erby, as a political warrior, a Democrat, and a trailblazer from University City. She became the first African American woman on the St. Louis County Council, where she served as District 1 representative for 15 years; including time as the council chairwoman; and,

Whereas,

her political record includes working tirelessly with the elected officials in the first district; and, playing a key role in the council's approval in legislation establishing standards for minority participation in county government contracts, recreation funding; and,

Whereas,

with her faithfulness to public service, Mrs. Erby had an open-door policy with her constituents, and she was extremely kind, and found great joy in the company of the elected officials, residents, business owners, contractors, activists and her fellow council members; she was no stranger to those she met; and,

Whereas,

when anyone needed assistance, she and her staff could find the answers. She particularly embraced African American women; she was an encourager, adviser, influencer, a Fannie Lou Hamer solider; but more importantly, she was called friend, wife, mother, and grandmother; and,

Whereas,

with the news of her passing, we at the City of Berkeley knew she had fought the good fight, and finished her course with dignity and grace. She leaves a legacy of being an advocate for the people, and a trailblazer for women in politics.

Now, Therefore Be It Proclaimed, I, Babatunde Deinbo, Mayor of the City of Berkeley on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby extend to the Erby family our sincere prayers and condolences upon the passing of Councilwoman Hazel Erby. She will be missed in the halls of Berkeley City Hall.

In witness whereof, I have, hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Berkeley to be affixed.

Attest

Deanna L. Jones

City Clerk

Babatunde Deinbo

Mayor of the City of Berkeley, Missouri

This 19th day of July, 2021