

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, NJ

MC 17-0328-15

No. _____

Date of Adoption MARCH 28, 2017

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY ON THE BASIS OF FACTS SET FORTH BY _____

[Signature]
Legislative Research Officer

PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER **JONES**

SECONDED BY **BURGESS**

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION 2017 WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

CHERYL KIT TURNER
PRESIDENT & FOUNDER OF NEW HOPE VILLAGE 4 VETERANS

WHEREAS, as history is filled with the far reaching accomplishments of women, Irvington Township honors one of their own, Cheryl Kit Turner, who should be recognized for her many years of community contributions to the township; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl is the President & Founder of New Hope Village 4 Veterans which started in 2008-10 as Hope Home in her own personal home. This was a transitional home for 3 homeless veteran families. New Hope Village 4 Veterans, Inc became a 501-C-3 in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl is now starting her 10th year in the Legion, she was the 4th black female Department Vice Commander 2012-2013, the 1st Female Commander of Post 251 in Montclair 2010-2011 & 2011- 2012. During her time at Post 251 she was the Adjutant for both 251 and Essex County, Vice Commander for Essex County, Chairperson for the Post and County for Boys State & 4 years Trustee, Public Relation for the County 2 years, the 1st female Counselor for Boys State for 7 years out selling everyone in Alumni Cards and Pins every year even herself. She went down in Union County at Post 499 serving as the Chaplain for both the Post and Union County also the Public Relation Officer; and

WHEREAS, as the Commander of Post 251 she worked all of the groups in Montclair such as the NAACP, 4 Ward Coalition, FOP, Sentinel 16, MNDC and MFEE together for their community service projects such as book bag give-away, cookouts, Harvest Fests, Thanksgiving dinners, Coat & Toy drives, Christmas parties for the children, and Easter Egg hunts; and

WHEREAS, she moved to Union County & Post 499 became the Adjutant the Chaplin and the Finance Officer of the Post, because Post 499 has a Past State Commander Berley Hanna the only black State Commander still living; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl has finished the Basic, Advance, Membership & the Extension Courses from Legion College. Recipient of the following Awards: Public Relations for Essex County 2011, the Individual Homeless Award 2012, out selling everyone in Alumni Cards & Pins all 7 years, Essex County Freeholder's Veteran Award 2012, Montclair MNDC Community Service Award 2011, Assemblywoman Cleopatra Tucker's She Served Award, Assemblywoman Sheila Oliver's Shirley Chisholm Award, Irvington High School Jr. ROTC Freedom Award, commendation from the Township of Irvington and Congressman Payne Jr's Congressional Award; and

WHEREAS, she is also a member of the VFW Camptown Post 1941 servicing as the Service Officer, Jr. Vice Commander also the Commander. She is now the 1st black District 4 (Essex County) Commander for the VFW still helping Vet's with finding housing, schooling, jobs and any other problems they may have; and

WHEREAS, she has earned 3 separate Honorable Discharges. The 1st from Active Duty Air Force, the 2nd from the Army National Guard, and the 3rd from the Air Force Reserves starting in 1978 to 1980, and again from 1983 until 2003; finally retiring as a Master Sergeant. She has lived in Okinawa Japan, PI, Loring MA, McGuire AFB, Yakota Japan, Germany, Italy and Eglin AFB FL. Cheryl is a graduate of Montclair High School, Community College of the Air Force Anthem Institute and attended Rowan University (Glassboro State) for 3 1/2 years; and

WHEREAS, she is the daughter and step daughter of two Korean Veterans, her father Norman Turner and stepfather Bob Sapp. Cheryl is also the ex-wife of an Air Force Major, and the mother of a son who was in the Army for 2 years; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl spent 17 years of her life as an Athletic Trainer working with Football, Basketball, Track & Soccer teams from High School, College and Semi Pro teams (Montclair High, Glassboro State, Glassboro High, New Jersey Blazers and Kadena AFB); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that it hereby commends Cheryl Kit Turner for her many civic and community minded contributions to the residents of the Township of Irvington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Governing Body in lasting tribute to Cheryl Kit Turner and Women's History Month.

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE

X = Indicates Vote N.V. = No Vote A.B. = Absent

COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	N.V.	A.B.
BURGESS, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT	X				INMAN				X
COX	X				JONES, 2ND VICEPRESIDENT	X			
FREDERIC	X				LYONS, PRESIDENT	X			
DR. HUDLEY				X					

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL *[Signature]* MUNICIPAL CLERK *[Signature]* DATE MARCH 28, 2017

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Municipal Council. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the Corporate Seal of the Township of Irvington.

MUNICIPAL CLERK *[Signature]* DATE MAR 28 2017



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