

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, NJ

No. MC 19-1223-63

Date of Adoption DECEMBER 23/2019

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

[Signature]
Legislative Research Officer

PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER

BURGESS

SECONDED BY

VICK

RESOLUTION OF SORROW CALVIN D. WEST

WHEREAS, Calvin D. West was born November 13, 1932, in Newark, New Jersey unto the union of the late Lonnie West and the late Nettie Jones West, being the fifth of five siblings – brother Kenneth West and sisters, Hon. Larrie West Stalks, Theresa Wynn and Loni Bradic; and

WHEREAS, Calvin attended the Newark public schools – Charlton street and South Side High, then matriculated to Bloomfield College and Cooper Union College in New York; and

WHEREAS, Calvin was versatile in baseball, basketball, football and track and also served in the United States military and was honorably discharged; and

WHEREAS, Calvin enjoyed hobbies such as painting, race horses, gourmet cooking and classical music; and

WHEREAS, Calvin was the former Executive Director of the North Jersey Office of the Governor, serving under the administrations of James E. McGreevey, Richard Codey and Jon Corzine; and

WHEREAS, Calvin also worked for the County of Essex as Deputy Superintendent of Buildings, the City of Orange Township as the personal aide and chief of staff to Mayor Joel Shain and also as Chief Advisor to Mayor Paul Monacelli, as well as serving a member of the Orange Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Calvin first worked for the City of Newark under the administration of Mayor Hugh Addonizio, where he was the coordinator of the Mayor's Office of Civil Defense; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, at the age of 33, Calvin became the first African American to be elected Councilman-At-Large in the history of Newark; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Calvin served as the personal aide and chief advisor to Newark mayor Sharpe James, where he was the Mayor's liaison to the Police Department, the Housing Authority and the Municipal Council; and

WHEREAS, Calvin was also the Mayor's Legislative Aide to the Essex County delegation (Senate and Assembly) in the New Jersey Legislature, and also the New Jersey Congressional delegation in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Calvin became Mayor Sharpe James representative to the National Organization on Disability, New Jersey Conference of Mayors, New Jersey League of Municipalities, New Jersey Conference of Black Mayors, New Jersey Urban Mayors Association, National League of Cities and the United States Conference of Mayors; and

WHEREAS, Calvin spent a number of years in the private sector where he was employed as a correspondent for the Newark Evening News and the Afro-American newspaper in Newark, owned or operated several businesses, including Clearway, a cleaning janitorial/maintenance company in Newark, 611 High Street Partnership, a real estate investment property and mini-shopping mall in Newark, The Turning Point, a supper club in Orange, West Bakery I & II in Newark and the racing stable of West/Turco; and

WHEREAS, Calvin has been an icon in local, county, state, and national democratic politics for the last sixty years, and since 1960, has participated in some highly-contested and successful United States Presidential elections, including helping to coordinate the local presidential campaign efforts of John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, James E. Carter and William J. Clinton; and

WHEREAS, Calvin has played an active role in numerous new jersey gubernatorial campaigns, serving as campaign Advisor and local director to the McGreevey and Corzine campaigns; and

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WHEREAS, at the municipal and county levels, Calvin served as the campaign advisor and director of the Joseph N. DiVincenzo for Essex County Executive in 2002 and the campaign advisor of the Sharpe James for Newark Mayor in 1986 and his successive re-election campaigns as well as directing the successful mayoral campaigns of Orange Mayors Joel Shain and Paul Monacelli; and

WHEREAS, Calvin has participated and supported a wide range of charitable and educational causes, both as a volunteer and patron of many non-profit organizations and institutions, including the Boys & Girls Clubs of Newark, Newark Pre-School Council, Newark Symphony Hall, Babyland Family Services in Newark, West Side High (mentoring) and the Bloomfield College (alumni association); and

WHEREAS, Calvin was a volunteer physical education teacher at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School, Director of Carlton B. Norris Youth Association, founder of the Calvin D. West Civic Association, former Vice-President of the 100 Black Men of New Jersey, life member of the NAACP, the American Cancer Society, the Pace Setters, the VIP Club and the Upper Montclair Country Club; and

WHEREAS, Calvin for the last 49 years has been honored for his community services and humanitarian work and will be sorely missed by the many people his life touched:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that the Township of Irvington hereby mourns the death of Calvin D. West and offers Calvin's family and friends their condolences of the loss of this precious man; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this governing body in lasting tribute to Calvin D. West.

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.
BEASLEY	X				DR. HUDLEY	X			
BURGESS	X				INMAN	X			
COX	X				VICK	X			
FREDERIC	X								

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL Burgess MUNICIPAL CLERK Sheldene DATE December 23, 2019

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

DATE

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