



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 2017

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners honoring the memory of Commissioner Timothy Bradford (*As Revised*)

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Commissioner Timothy Bradford passed away on December 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bradford was elected to the MWRD Board of Commissioners in 2014; and

WHEREAS, he served as Chairman of the Ethics and Federal Legislation Committees, and was the Vice Chairman of the Maintenance and Operations and Monitoring and Research Committees; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bradford began his professional journey at Quaker Oats in a managerial position for 25 years. He later established himself as an entrepreneur with an interest in a Miller Beer Distributorship in St. Louis, MO. He also owned Docks Fish, a popular food franchise; and

WHEREAS, success in the field of sales and marketing forged his path as a dedicated leader in the south suburban political community and the Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bradford served as Rich Township Administrator and volunteered on the boards of numerous civic and business organizations including the Rich Township High School District 227 advisory board, the Great Lakes Bank advisory board in Matteson, IL, and Club President of Rotary International Club; and

WHEREAS, for over 30 years, Commissioner Bradford served as an elected member of the Olympia Fields Park District Board, serving three terms as president; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bradford was recognized many times over his long career in public service; and

WHEREAS, these honors include the Eagle Award for 30 years of service to the Olympia Fields Park District, the Hero's Award from the Village of Olympia Fields, the Diversity Award from Diversity, Inc. and honored by the Matteson Business Association; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bradford was most proud of his family, including his wife of over 50 years, Mary Ann; their children Cherise, Corey, the late Shance and Ty; and grandchildren Bryce, Blaine, Chase, Ryder, Blake, Aiden, Talon and Nya; and

WHEREAS, to quote Winston Churchill, "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give," and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bradford made a life by giving back to his community and through his devotion to his family. The impact he made on both will remain as his legacy; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Timothy Bradford received many awards during his career in public service. One of

the last honors he received was an award from the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) on Saturday, November 18, 2017 celebrating "Our Modern Day Kings." Tim received the award for being a modern day king in politics. Loved by all, he will truly be missed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, on behalf of ourselves and staff, do hereby extend our sympathy and condolences to the family of Commissioner Timothy Bradford; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the permanent Record of Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

Dated: December 7, 2017

Approved: MARIYANA T. SPYROPOULOS, President; BARBARA J. MCGOWAN, Vice President; FRANK AVILA, Chairman, Committee on Finance; MARTIN J. DURKAN; JOSINA MORITA; DEBRA SHORE; KARI K. STEELE; DAVID J. WALSH; Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

Approved as to Form and Legality: Susan T. Morakalis, General Counsel, STM:aw