



BERRIEN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION
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WHEREAS, since 1929, Gladys E. Peeples-Burks has been a resident of Berrien County; and

WHEREAS, she was a member of the graduating Class of 1946 from Benton Harbor High School and went on to become a member of the first graduating class of Benton Harbor Junior College, now known as Lake Michigan College; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from Michigan Bell Telephone Co., she went on to earn a bachelor of arts and masters of arts from Western Michigan University as well as an Ed.S. and a Ph.D from Michigan State University; and

WHEREAS, a strong advocate for public education, Ms. Peeples-Burks was recognized on the national level for her work in elementary education; and

WHEREAS, for many years she worked in and with the Benton Harbor School System as a teacher, principal, program director and as a school board member; and

WHEREAS, beyond her careers, she was an active member and leader in her community serving on several board of directors including but not limited to the Region IV Area Agency on Aging, Berrien Community Foundation, Southwest Michigan Race Relations Council, Calling all Colors, Lake Michigan College Alumni Board, and a lifetime member of the Twin City Area Branch of the NAACP; and

WHEREAS, sadly, on February 7, 2023, Gladys E. Peeples-Burks passed away; and

WHEREAS, her legacy lives on in her family, her community, and all the contributions given in her 94 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners remembers and honors Gladys E. Peeples-Burks for being a true asset to the citizens of Berrien County and sends their condolences to her family during their time of grief.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ms. Peeples-Burks' life, actions and contributions reflect most favorably upon herself, her family, the community of Benton Harbor, the County of Berrien, the State of Michigan, and the United States of America.

RESPECTFULLY,
BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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