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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF ESSEX

RESOLUTION NO. _____

PROPOSED BY: COMMISSIONER RICHARDSON
SUBJECT: _____

AUTHORITY FOR RESOLUTION N.J.S.A. 40:41A-38(a)
AUTHORITY FOR ACTION C.C.E 2-29 (B)

COMMENDATION

HONORING FRAN EHRET
DURING THE CELEBRATION OF THE POWER OF WOMEN IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023

WHEREAS, Fran Ehret will be honored during the Celebration of the Power of Women in the Labor Movement to be held on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at Nanina's in the Park in Belleville, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Fran Ehret is the New Jersey Area Director of the Communications Workers of America (CWA), representing more than 70,000 public and private sector workers in New Jersey. A lifetime advocate for social and economic justice, she grew up in the labor movement. Her father, Frank Forst, was a union organizer and respected labor leader, who in 1968 was instrumental in getting the New Jersey public sector collective bargaining bill passed. She is also the highest-ranking New Jersey labor leader from the LGBTQIA+ community; and

WHEREAS, Fran Ehret came to CWA as a National Staff Representative in 2013, and before that, she served 13-years as the President of Local 194 of the International Federation of Technical and Professional Engineers (IFPTE) representing the tolls, maintenance, trades, technical and clerical workers at the New Jersey Turnpike. Prior to that she was the local's Secretary Treasurer, a Chapter President and a steward. She retired from the New Jersey Turnpike in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Fran Ehret represents CWA as a Vice President of the Executive Board of the New Jersey AFL-CIO and previously served for 11-years representing IFPTE. From 2008-2013, she was a vice-president of the Middlesex-Somerset Central Labor Council of the AFL/CIO and Member of the Essex-West Hudson Central Labor Council, Burlington Central Labor Council, Bergen Central Labor Council and Southern Central Labor Council (2001 - 2013); and

WHEREAS, Fran Ehret was a founding member and former Vice-Chair of Emerge New Jersey, an organization dedicated to recruiting and training progressive Democratic women to run for public office. She was also a founding member and Board Secretary of the Greater New Jersey Chapter of the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW); and

WHEREAS, following in her father's footsteps, Fran Ehret has been a member of the Democratic State Committee since 2008. She was a County Committee person for 10-years representing Middlesex County and she also served one term as Democratic Chairperson in her hometown of Jamesburg, New Jersey. She served as a delegate to the Democratic National Conventions in 2012 and 2016 and served on the Credentials Committee for the 2004 convention. In 2007, She was appointed to the Hilary Clinton campaign's New Jersey Hispanic Leadership Council. She was a member of the Middlesex County Workforce Development Barriers for Women to Work Committee (2006-2009); and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Fran Ehret was appointed to the Toll Road Consolidation Commission by Governor McGreevey and served on his transition team and that of Governor Corzine. She was appointed by Governor Murphy to the LGBTQIA Advocates Committee in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Fran Ehret currently serves on the Boards of New Jersey Citizen Action and the New Jersey Working Families Party. She has received Labor Leadership awards from the Middlesex-Somerset County, Essex County, Hudson County and Bergen Central Labor Councils. She been recognized for her work by the New Jersey Senate and Assembly, Emily's List, the NJ Democratic State Committee, the New Jersey State Industrial Council and the Giblin Association. She received the Shirley Chisholm Award from Lt. Governor Oliver. She was ranked #8 by *Insider NJ* on the 2022 Power List and #23 on their 2022 LGBTQ+ Power List; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of County Commissioners hereby congratulates and commends Fran Ehret for being honored during the Celebration of the Power of Women in the Labor Movement; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be presented to Fran Ehret.

Approved as to form and legality

Michael J. Polunski
Commissioner Counsel

RECORD OF VOTE (X=Vote N.V.=Abstention ABS=Absent)

Moved by Commissioner _____

Second by Commissioner _____

Commissioner	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS	Commissioner	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS
COOPER					MERCADO				
GILL					POMARES, V.P.				
GRAHAM					SEBOLD				
JOHNSON									
LUCIANO					RICHARDSON, PRES.				

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Resolution was () adopted () defeated () tabled by roll call vote at a _____ meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Essex, New Jersey held on _____

Is Publication Required () Yes () No

Date Published _____

Wayne L. Richardson, President