

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF ESSEX

#59

RESOLUTION NO. _____
PROPOSED BY: COMMISSIONER RICHARDSON
SUBJECT: _____

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

COMMENDATION

HONORING ROXANNE SHANTÉ
DURING THE CELEBRATION OF THE POWER OF WOMEN IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023

WHEREAS, Roxanne Shanté 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, Roxanne Shanté was raised in the Queensbridge Public Housing Projects in Queens, New York. She released her first single at the age of fourteen, titled Roxanne's Revenge. The first Response record for the UTFO song Roxanne Roxanne. She prompted The Roxanne Wars which included over 86-response records aimed directly at her. She was the first female rapper to have platinum singles and gold albums. She was the first nationally known female rapper. She also helped launch the careers of such hip hop icons like: Big Daddy Kane, Biz Markie, MC Shan and Nas. She has been an influence and role model for many, not just female emcees; and

WHEREAS, Roxanne Shanté has stood the test of time with her unique voice. Allowing her to do voice overs on video games and animation films. She presently is on SIRIUSXM as the Host of Rock the Bells Radio Show with 7-million listeners per day. She is also one of the most sampled cross-genre voices. She is sampled by artists such as Janet Jackson, Black Eye Peas, Nas, Jay-Z, J. Cole and Basement Jaxx, just to name a few. She has appeared at the following universities as a keynote speaker: Virginia Commonwealth University, Savannah University, Howard University, Cheney University of Pennsylvania, Hunter College and many more institutions. She uses her platform to speak on endless panels with topics ranging from hip hop to domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Roxanne Shanté continues to be one of the most requested classic hip hop artists. She still appears on stage as a performer or host. In case you haven't seen her in person, you are now able to see her on the big screen portrayed by breakout actress Chanté Adams who portrays her, Nia Long portraying her mother and Mahershala Ali portraying Cross in her biopic "Roxanne Roxanne" produced by Pharrell Williams and Forest Whitaker and she is the Executive Producer. The movie was sold at Sundance after a fierce bidding war. Her biopic didn't stop surprising people with its success. It was then licensed to Netflix and has broken viewing records with over 62-million views. On December 31, 2022, her single Roxanne's Revenge was RIAA Certified Platinum with over one million sales. She is a 2023 NAACP Legacy Award Recipient. She is presently a spokesperson for Diabetes Association, Breast Cancer and a CASA in Newark, New Jersey. She and her husband run the nonprofit program "Mind Over Matter" located in Newark, New Jersey. She serves on many boards and is very active in the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of County Commissioners hereby congratulates and commends Roxanne Shanté 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 Roxanne Shanté.

Michael J. Palumbo

Approved as to form and legality _____

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