

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF ESSEX

84

RESOLUTION NO. _____
PROPOSED BY: COMMISSIONER RICHARDSON
SUBJECT:

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

IN MEMORIAM

EUROPE HARMON

WHEREAS, Europe Harmon of Newark, New Jersey, is being remembered upon his passing from this life on Sunday, February 5, 2023, at the age of 67; and

WHEREAS, Europe Harmon, affectionately called "Butch" by friends and family, was born on January 19, 1956, in Newark, New Jersey, to Willie Mae Harmon and Europe Armour, from the start standing out as the sole son among three sisters; and

WHEREAS, Europe Harmon graduated from Clinton Place Junior High School and Southside, now known as Malcolm X Shabazz High School and attended Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Europe Harmon served as a State Police Officer for many years before joining Newark Mayor Ras Baraka's administration as manager of its Fleet/Motor Pool, while also working as a realtor, web designer and acclaimed actor, writer, producer and director; and

WHEREAS, Europe Harmon was a lifelong lover of knowledge, had an elegant way with a pen and was "maker" and artist of the highest caliber, sculpting love, passion, laughter and truth with his own life, and giving others the confidence to make theirs a masterpiece as well; and

WHEREAS, Europe Harmon was the patriarch of his family and a pillar of strength who captivated everyone whose path he crossed, on screen and off; and

WHEREAS, Europe Harmon, a man of astonishing accomplishments, took greatest pride in bringing his beloved daughter Najaah Kaamilah Harmon into the world and nurturing her as "the crown jewel" of his life and "the impetus" behind his purpose – a daughter who, along with everyone else, can "Be and be better. For [he] existed," as Maya Angelou wrote; and

WHEREAS, Europe Harmon was preceded in death by his father Europe Armour; his sister Charlotte Dunson; and niece Jahkira Paterson. He leaves to cherish his precious memory his daughter Najaah, the apple of his eye; his "best friends" and movie partner grandchildren Thomas and Tori; his mother Willie May Harmon; his sisters Gwenette and Tiffany; his nephew JahQuan; and nieces Tia, Jene and Taylor; his wife, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, great nieces, great nephews and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of County Commissioners hereby celebrates the life and mourns the passing of Europe Harmon and offers their heartfelt condolences to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Europe Harmon.

Approved as to form and legality _____

Michael J. Richardson
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