

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF ESSEX

#44

RESOLUTION NO. _____
PROPOSED BY: COMMISSIONER JOHNSON
SUBJECT:

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

IN MEMORIAM
VALERIE ARMSTRONG-ELAM

WHEREAS, Valerie Armstrong-Elam of McDonough, Georgia, is being remembered upon her passing from this life on Friday, January 6, 2023, at the age of 63; and

WHEREAS, Valerie Armstrong-Elam was born on August 11, 1960, in Newark, New Jersey, to Frances Armstrong (Harrison) and the late Julius F. Armstrong. She was the first of two children born to their union; and

WHEREAS, Valerie Armstrong-Elam was educated at East Orange and Vailsburg high schools, and later obtained a Home Health Aide Certification. After several years in healthcare, she transitioned into a career as a sales representative, specializing in appliances. She spent years working with Sears, Circuit City and PC Richard & Son, where she received many awards and recognitions as a top sales performer; and

WHEREAS, Valerie Armstrong-Elam gave her life to Christ in the early 2000's and was a member of Phillips Metropolitan CME Church, of Newark, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Valerie Armstrong-Elam was a woman who loved to cook, talk, spend time with her family and friends and dance to house music. Again, she loved to talk. To say she was a "Social Butterfly" would be an understatement. She loved meeting and interacting with people. Everywhere she went, she left her mark and everyone adopted her as a sister, cousin or simply "Aunt Val"; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Valerie Armstrong-Elam relocated to Georgia, where she quickly settled in and of course, easily made new friends. She always made it known that although she was in Georgia, she would always be "New Jersey Val". She had many nicknames, but her favorite one was "MiMi". She took pride in being a "Glam-Mother", as she would say in her signature red lipstick; and

WHEREAS, Valerie Armstrong-Elam later met the love of her life, Clarence Elam and they were married on January 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Valerie Armstrong-Elam leaves to cherish her memories, two daughters, Siddeeqah Armstrong and Dominique Armstrong; a son, Sydq Elam; three grandchildren, Zharian Hubbard, Sadia Elam and Tahj Mathis; beloved mother, Frances Armstrong; a brother, Michael A. Armstrong, Esq., (Karen); a nephew, Evan Armstrong; a niece, Maya Armstrong; and a host of aunts, cousins, close friends and special family "The Coopers"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of County Commissioners hereby celebrates the life and mourns the passing of Valerie Armstrong-Elam and offers their heartfelt condolences to her family; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of the resolution be presented to the family of Valerie Armstrong-Elam.

Michael J. Richardson

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									
LUCLANO					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