

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-R-183

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE INDUCTION OF UNITED STATES CONGRESSWOMAN CARRIE P. MEEK INTO THE NORTH MIAMI CITIZENS' HALL OF FAME; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Carrie Pittman Meek (“Congresswoman Meek”) was a trailblazing advocate for equal rights, a loving mother and grandmother, a loyal friend and confidante, and a committed public servant to the people of the 17th Congressional District of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Meek earned a bachelor’s degree in biology and physical education from Florida A&M University while setting records as a track and field athlete; and

WHEREAS, due to a ban in Florida that prevented Black students from attending State graduate schools, Ms. Meek enrolled at the University of Michigan, where she earned a master’s degree in public health and physical education; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Meek was one of the first African Americans from Florida since Reconstruction to be elected to Congress, where she fought tirelessly to improve the lives of the constituents she served; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Meek was a skilled legislator who served as a role model for other elected officials and broke down barriers so that they could successfully follow the trailblazing path she paved; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Meek as a freshman in Congress intensely lobbied for her community, working to secure \$100,000,000 in aid to help rebuild Dade County following Hurricane Andrew; and

WHEREAS, during her time in Congress, Congresswoman Meek earned a well-deserved reputation as a national treasure who devoted her life to Black communities in Florida and communities of color around the world; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Meek later retired from public office in 2002 and founded the Carrie Meek Foundation, which provides the Miami-Dade community with critical resources, opportunities, and jobs; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Meek was awarded honorary Juris Doctor degrees from the University of Miami, Florida A&M, Barry University, Florida Atlanta University, and Rollins College; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Meek was inducted into the Florida A&M University Sports Hall of Fame and honored with the co-naming of its James N. Eaton, Sr., Southeastern Regional Black Archives Research Center and Museum in Tallahassee, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Meek passed away on November 28, 2021, and it is fitting that the House of Representatives recognize her for her exemplary career and contributions to public service, the people of Florida, and the American people; and

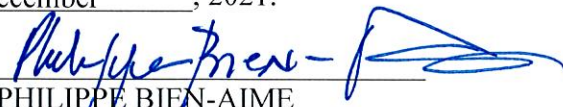
WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find that Congresswoman Meek substantially contributed to the wellbeing and advancement of the City of North Miami and should be honored with induction into the Citizen's Hall of Fame.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. **Induction into Hall Of Fame.** The Mayor and City Council hereby induct United States Congresswoman Carrie P. Meek into the Citizen's Hall of Fame.

Section 2. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 5-0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 14th day of December , 2021.


PHILIPPE BIEN-AIME
MAYOR

ATTEST : 

VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: Galvin

Seconded by: Bien-Aime

Vote:

Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Vice Mayor Scott Galvin	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Councilwoman Kassandra Timothe, MPA	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Councilman Alix Desulme, Ed.D.	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)