

CITY COUNCIL**The City of Orange Township, New Jersey**DATE May 19, 2020NUMBER 202-2020**TITLE: A RESOLUTION HONORING BARRY CARTER.
(Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)**

WHEREAS, Barry Carter has tirelessly served to educate and inform the greater Essex County community during his 31 years as a reporter/columnist at *The Star Ledger* now NJ Advance Media; and

WHEREAS, Barry Carter grew up at Queensbridge, a public housing development in Long Island City, N.Y., near the Queensboro Bridge. His mother, Willie Mae Carter, gave him his first typewriter which he would practice on by typing newspaper paragraphs. He did this not realizing that one day he would be a columnist; and

WHEREAS, Barry Carter's career in journalism began when he graduated from Howard University in 1985 and took an entry-level position at *The Marietta Times* in Ohio. He really wanted this position and sacrificed to make it work. He moved to Ohio without a car, catching rides with photographers to report stories. He also walked to work, and on weekends, he rode the editor's three-speed bicycle to get around town. After working there for a year and paying his dues, he worked for another three years at *The Flint Journal* in Michigan. He would then go on to start his prolific career at *The Star Ledger*. This is where he experienced tremendous growth as a reporter and columnist; and

WHEREAS, Barry Carter began writing a weekly column in 2004 in the Newark This Week section of *The Star Ledger* that that ran every Thursday, with editions delivered to Belleville, Bloomfield, Nutley, East Orange and Orange. He chose to focus his column on real people in the community with real stories. When that section folded, the column did not end. It went statewide, introducing him and his human-interest spotlight to a broader audience. His stories have led to donations both small and large to people making tremendous impacts in the community; and

WHEREAS, Barry Carter's stories were not limited to just feel good pieces but also informed the public about pressing issues such as environmental contamination in neighborhoods and failures of housing facilities to notify next of kin if one of their residents dies. Notably, as a result of a 2014 column he wrote about a woman who died at a senior citizen building in Orange, New Jersey, he won first place from the New Jersey Press Association and Governor Chris Christie eventually signed a law requiring proper notifications; and

WHEREAS, Barry Carter has made a great impact through is reporting and, although his time at *The Star Ledger* and NJ Advance Media his ending, we are sure that he will find a way to continue informing and uplifting the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Orange Township hereby praises and commends **Barry Carter** on his efforts to educate and help the community and wishes him well on his future endeavors.

Adopted:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

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Council President