## CITY COUNCIL

## The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

DATE	June 5,	2024
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**TITLE:** A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF THEODORA (TEDDIE) HENDERSON GRAY.

(Sponsored by Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten)

WHEREAS, Theodore (Teddie) Henderson Gray born in Orange, New Jersey began her career as a Teacher's Aide at Lincoln Avenue School before obtaining her Master's Degree and Certification and moving on to teach at Cleveland Street School; and

WHEREAS, Theodora (Teddie) Henderson Gray dedicated her life to the education and enrichment of countless students in the Orange Public School District, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to fostering academic excellence, personal growth, and a love of learning in her students; and

WHEREAS, Theodora (Teddie) Henderson Gray taught for 34 years before her retirement; and

WHEREAS, throughout her distinguished career, Theodora Gray consistently exemplified the highest standards of professionalism, compassion, and dedication, earning the respect and admiration of her colleagues, students, and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Theodora (Teddie) Henderson Gray's innovative teaching methods, coupled with her genuine concern for the well-being and success of her students, made a lasting impact on the lives of those she taught, empowering them to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Theodora (Teddie) Henderson Gray's contributions extended beyond the classroom, as she actively participated in numerous school events, committees, and extracurricular activities, further enriching the educational environment and strengthening the bonds within the school community; and

WHEREAS, Theodora (Teddie) Henderson Gray's legacy of kindness, dedication, and excellence will continue to inspire current and future educators, serving as a testament to the profound difference one individual can make in the lives of many; and

WHEREAS, The Orange Public School District and the broader community have lost a cherished teacher, mentor, and friend with the passing of Theodora (Teddie) Henderson Gray, whose memory will forever be cherished by those whose lives she touched;

WHEREAS, she was a member of various organizations including the Retired NJ Educators Association and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (NJ Alumni Chapter).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township hereby honors the memory and service of Theodora (Teddie) Henderson Gray, expressing its deepest gratitude for her invaluable contributions to education and her unwavering dedication to her students.

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Joyce L. Lanier	Tency A. Eason	
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