INTRODUCED: March 25, 2019

#### AN ORDINANCE No. 2019-083

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept a marker, valued at approximately \$2,700.00, from Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, to be installed at the Hull Street Library located at 1400 Hull Street to commemorate the life of Dorothy Height, a Richmond native and nationally recognized civil rights activist.

Patron – Ms. Robertson

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Approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: APR 8 2019 AT 6 P.M.

#### THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

- § 1. That the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, be and is hereby authorized to accept a marker, valued at approximately \$2,700.00, from Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, to be installed at the Hull Street Library located at 1400 Hull Street to commemorate the life of Dorothy Height, a Richmond native and nationally recognized civil rights activist.
  - § 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

| AYES:    | 9          | NOES:     | 0 | ABSTAIN:  |  |
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| ADOPTED: | APR 8 2019 | REJECTED: |   | STRICKEN: |  |



# Richmond City Council

## Office of the Council Chief of Staff

## Ordinance/Resolution Request

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TITLE

Accept Gift of Marker Honoring Dorothy Height

This is a request for the drafting of an

Ordinance X

Resolution

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

E. Robertson

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

**Government Operations** 

## ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Patron requests that legislation be drafted for Council's consideration that authorizes acceptance of a gift marker form Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc honoring the late Dorothy Height and authorizing the installation of that marker at the City's Hull Street Library.

### BACKGROUND

The late Dorothy Height was born in Richmond on March 12, 1912 and lived here until age five. During her life she was active in anti-lynching campaigns, the Civil Rights Movement and in activities advocating for women's equality.

Ms. Height severed as President of the Council of Negro Women, a Civil Rights organization, for 40 years (1957-1947). She is credited with assisting in organizing the 1963 Civil Right March on Washington and organizing events known as "Wednesdays in Mississippi," which served as meetings to encourage dialogue between white and black women. She was very active in the YWCA. She also served as the 10th president of the national Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

During her life, Ms. Height was the recipient of many awards and honors, including the

NAACP's Spingarn Medal, the Presidential Medal of Freedom (Clinton), and the Congressional Gold Medal (Geo. W. Bush, on behalf of the Congress). Upon her passing US flags were flown at half-mast. Notably; since her passing the US Postal Service has issued a stamp in her honor and the Google Corporation featured a doodle portrait of her honoring the 102nd anniversary of her birth. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's marker is made of aluminum and is approximately 46 inches x 40 inches. It will stand on a post that is expected to be about 4 feet tall next to a State historic marker. FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT Fiscal Impact Yes No No Budget Amendment Required Yes No No Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact S N/A Note: Staff is informed by Delta Sigma Theta officials that the marker costs approximately \$2,700. No City costs are expected. Yes No No Attachment/s