

Formal Awards Ceremony Docket

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#	TITLE/RECIPIENT	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	MAIN PRESENTER
1	Rita Jane Robinson Richmond Public Schools: Overby-Sheppard Elementary School	RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD	To recognize, honor, and celebrate Rita Jane Robinson for 44 years of dedicated service in elementary education with Richmond Public Schools, and for helping to make our city an even better and safer place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, enjoy, and raise a family.	Robertson



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RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION

Rita Jane Robinson

Teacher, Richmond Public Schools: Overby-Sheppard Elementary School

Richmond City Council, the governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby recognize, honor, and celebrate Rita Jane Robinson for 44 years of dedicated service in elementary education with Richmond Public Schools.

Growing up in the Northside of Richmond, Ms. Robinson attended Richmond Public Schools and, due to an inspiring first grade teacher, knew that she wanted to become an educator at an early age. During her high school years, Ms. Robinson began to realize that dream by tutoring at afterschool programs. Following high school, Ms. Robinson studied Early Childhood Development at Virginia State College (now Virginia State University) where, during her senior year, she began educating young children as a student teacher.

Rita Jane Robinson's teaching career began at Richmond Public Schools: Mary Munford Elementary School. The following year, Ms. Robinson joined the staff at Overby-Sheppard Elementary School, where she continues to guide the educational journeys of her students to the present day. In addition to her dedication to the classroom, Ms. Robinson also formed the Overby-Sheppard Tappers — a student tap-dance troupe that performed at nursing homes and local and national events.

As a sterling example of her professionalism, Ms. Robinson has received many awards and accolades during her career, including Who's Who Among America's Teachers, Richmond Public Schools Good Apple Award, and was twice named Overby-Sheppard Elementary School's Teacher of the Year, among others.

Coming around full circle, Ms. Robinson teaches the first grade, and undoubtedly has inspired, nurtured, motivated, and empowered countless young minds, hearts, and spirits through her dedication to the success of her students. Ms. Robinson retires this Thursday, June 17, 2021, at the close of her forty-third year at Overby-Sheppard Elementary School.

Now, Therefore, Richmond City Council does hereby officially recognize, honor, and celebrate Rita Jane Robinson for the 44 years of extraordinary service, dedication, leadership, and commitment on behalf of Richmond's children, families, and our community; commends her for choosing one of humanity's most noble, important, and challenging professions - public education - as her life's work; and thanks her for helping to make our city an even better and safer place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, enjoy, and raise a family.

In witness whereof, this pronouncement was prepared for Richmond City Council presentation on the fourteenth day of June, two thousand twenty-one, in the two hundred eighty-third year of the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred forty-fourth year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.

The Honorable Cynthia I. Newbille
Council President, Richmond City Council
Councilmember, Richmond East End 7th Voter District

The Honorable Ellen F. Robertson
Council Vice President, Richmond City Council
Councilmember, Richmond Gateway 6th Voter District

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