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County Council Recognizes Longtime Clerk, Declares "Beverly T. Craven Day"

Council to present Craven with resolution on Tuesday, Nov. 20

During a <u>regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 20</u>, <u>Charleston County Council</u> plans to pass a resolution honoring Beverly Thompson Craven, who has served as Clerk of Charleston County Council since November 9, 1987. The move will retroactively declare Nov. 9, 2012, as Beverly T. Craven Day in Charleston County, and will continue the recognition on Nov. 9 of each year to come.

The resolution describes Craven's achievements over the years, and ends with the following wording: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of Charleston County Council have been honored to employ the lovely Beverly T. Craven for twenty five years, and do hereby proclaim November 9, 2012, and each year hereafter BEVERLY T. CRAVEN DAY in Charleston County and encourage its citizens to follow the model set forth by Beverly Craven by living each day to its fullest, treating each person with love and respect, and facing the world with a smile because, as the sign that leads into Mrs. Craven's office reminds us, 'NICE MATTERS'."

During her 25-year tenure, Craven has worked for 40 different members of Charleston County Council. Aside from her daily duties as Clerk of Council, Craven also represents County Council on the Lowcountry Senior Center Board and the Community Pride Board.

"Mrs. Craven has a tough responsibility working for nine council members," said <u>Charleston County</u> <u>Council Chairman Teddie E. Pryor, Sr.</u> "She has earned our respect, and we think the residents of Charleston County will appreciate taking the time each year to recognize what she has done for the county over the years."

In 2010, <u>County Council dedicated its Council Chambers</u> to the longtime clerk by naming County Council's official meeting place the Beverly T. Craven Council Chambers.

And Council recognized Craven with a resolution in July of 2007 after learning she had been named the 2007 Outstanding Older Worker of the Year. The recognition came from Experience Works, a national charitable organization with a mission of improving the lives of older people through employment, community service and training.

"Beverly was already working for the county when I arrived 22 years ago. She has been a model of good manners, attention to detail and just plain kindness all these years. I am honored to have worked with her for so long," said <u>Charleston County Administrator W. Kurt Taylor</u>.

Craven is active in her community as a member of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, the Hat Ladies of Charleston, the Silver Haired Legislature, the South Carolina Clerks to Council Association, the Palmetto Cabinet, and formerly served on the South Carolina Commission on Women.

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