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Ms. Gayle Holloman
Executive Director, Library
Fulton County
Margaret Mitchell Square
Atlanta, GA 30303

Dear Ms. Holloman:

Attached for your review is a resolution passed by the City of East Point to rename the East Point Library to honor the former mayor of East Point, Patsy Jo Hilliard.

I have discussed this matter with you in the past and indicated my full support for such renaming.

Would you please begin the process in renaming the East Point Library so that we can bestow this honor on her.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robb Pitts".

Robb Pitts, Chairman
Fulton County Board of Commissioners

cc: Board of Commissioners

**STATE OF GEORGIA
FULTON COUNTY
CITY OF EAST POINT**

RESOLUTION NO. 198-023

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR OF EAST POINT,
GEORGIA TO RENAME THE EAST POINT LIBRARY TO HONOR FORMER EAST
POINT MAYOR PATSY JO HILLIARD**

WHEREAS, the City of East Point's Charter vests all powers necessary and proper to promote the safety, health, peace, and general welfare within the City of East Point; and

WHEREAS, the City of East Point is tasked with protecting the safety, health, peace, and general welfare by ensuring the history of dedication and service by our past city leaders is preserved; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Patsy Jo Hilliard had a decades-long career working in schools. In 1964, Hilliard taught first grade at Bright Functions School in Monrovia, Liberia. While in Liberia, she also served as volunteer coordinator for the organization American Women in Liberia. In 1975, Hilliard became the first African American and the first woman board member of the South San Francisco Unified School District, a position she filled until 1980; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Patsy Jo Hilliard made history in 1993 when she was elected both the first woman and African American mayor ever of the City of East Point, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Patsy Jo Hillard honored the City of East Point with dedication and service for thirteen (13) years, serving longer than any other mayor in history; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Patsy Jo Hillard became an honorary citizen of Liberia at the 2017 United for Liberia Global Health Fundraising Gala for her extensive work throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Patsy Jo Hillard has served on the Executive Board for the Atlanta chapter of the NAACP, President for the Atlanta chapter of Links, Inc., and the Atlanta Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of East Point desires to recognize Mayor Patsy Jo Hillard's years of dedication and service and the impact he has had on the community; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Code § 36-34-3 provides that the powers of a municipal corporation vests the ability to dedicate, honor, and rename public libraries; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of East Point believes it would be proper and fitting to rename the East Point Library in honor of former Mayor Patsy Jo Hillard.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF EAST POINT'S MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL as follows:

SECTION 1: The East Point Library hereafter will be named the "Mayor Patsy Jo Hilliard Public Library" to honor her work and dedication to the City of East Point.

SECTION 2: This Resolution shall take effect upon the approval and passage by the Mayor of the City of East Point.

SECTION 3: The appropriate City agencies, including but not limited to the Department of Parks and Recreation are hereby authorized to take such steps as necessary to comply with having the signage displayed in the referenced area displayed.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of East Point, this 16th day of October, 2023.

Approved: _____

[Signature]
City of East Point Mayor

Dorcasia Weems

City Attorney

Keshia McCullough

City Clerk

City Clerk