

A RESOLUTION Celebrating the 100th birthday of Bertha Pitts Campbell, honoring her for a distinguished record of public service to mankind and especially the people of the City of Seattle.

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RESOLUTION 28017

1 A RESOLUTION celebrating the 100th birthday of Bertha Pitts Campbell,
2 honoring her for a distinguished record of public service to
3 mankind and especially the people of the City of Seattle.

4 WHEREAS, Bertha Pitts Campbell was born in Winfield, Kansas on
5 June 30, 1889, and grew up in Montrose, Colorado; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1908 she graduated summa cum laude from Montrose High
7 School and was valedictorian and the only black American in the
8 class; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1913 she graduated cum laude from Howard University in
10 the field of education; and

11 WHEREAS, she taught school from 1913 through 1914 at Topeka Industrial
12 Educational Institute in Topeka, Kansas; and

13 WHEREAS, she and twenty-one others are co-founders of Delta Sigma
14 Theta Incorporated, an international service sorority founded in
15 1913 at Howard University for the purpose of establishing and
16 maintaining a high standard of morality and scholarship; and

17 WHEREAS, she and the other co-founders of Delta Sigma Theta partici-
18 pated in the Suffragette March in 1913 to gain the right for women
19 to vote; and

20 WHEREAS, in July of 1923, she moved to Seattle; and

21 WHEREAS, she was one of the organizers of Alpha Omicron Chapter of
22 Delta Sigma Theta - the first Black Sorority to be established in
23 the Northwest and other local chapters in the area; and

24 WHEREAS, she is one of the organizers of the Ladies Auxiliary of the
25 Seattle Urban League; and

26 WHEREAS, she served for over forty years in leadership roles with the
27 YWCA, including as the chairperson of the Committee of Management
28 and as the first black branch member to become a voting member of
the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, she is one of the founding members of the Christian Friends
for Racial Equality; and

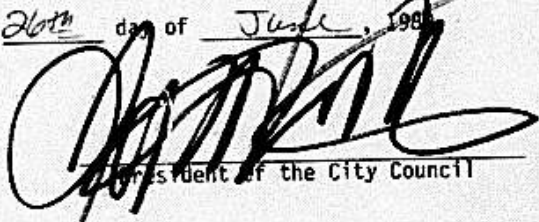
WHEREAS, during World War II, she served as a postal clerk in Seattle,
and also organized a canteen service for black soldiers located at
the newly formed YMCA.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SEATTLE:

That in recognition of a distinguished record of public service
and continued involvement in the community, the City Council of
Seattle hereby honors Bertha Pitts Campbell on her 100th birthday.
Furthermore, the City Council, on behalf of the people of Seattle
extends its gratitude to Bertha Pitts Campbell for her tireless
efforts to help aid mankind. The City Council congratulates Bertha
Pitts Campbell for her many remarkable accomplishments in her life and
wishes her health and prosperity.

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ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Seattle this 26th
day of June, 1989, and signed by me in open session in authen-
tication of its adoption this 26th day of June, 1989.



President of the City Council

Filed by me this 26th day of June, 1989.

ATTEST: Norward J. Brooks
City Comptroller and City Clerk

BY: Margaret Carter
Deputy

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CENTENARIAN BERTHA PITTS CAMPBELL

JUNE 30, 1989

- Born in Winfield, Kansas June 30, 1889
- Grew up in Montrose, Colorado
- Moved to Seattle from Grand Junction, Colorado in July, 1923

EDUCATION AND HONORS

- Graduated summa cum laude in 1908 from Montrose High School. Only Black in graduating class and valedictorian.
- Received B.A. in education cum laude from Howard University in June 1913.
- Taught school one year (1913-14) at Topeka Industrial Educational Institute in Topeka, Kansas.

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

- One of the twenty two founders of the international public service sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Sorority founded in 1913 at Howard University to establish and maintain a high standard of morality and scholarship.
- She and the other 21 Founders of Delta Sigma Theta participated in the Suffragette March in 1913 to gain the right for women to vote.
- In 1933 she was one of the organizers of Alpha Omicron Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta - the first Black Sorority to be established in the Northwest.
- In 1945 she helped to establish Beta Psi Chapter in Portland, Oregon.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: ORGANIZER AND VOLUNTEER

- One of the organizers of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Seattle Urban League.
- For forty years she served actively in leadership roles of the YWCA including chairperson of the Committee of Management. She was the first Black branch member to become a voting member of the Board of Directors and served as Chairperson of the Committee to Study Interracial Practices in the Seattle Branch. She also served as a member of the City-wide Personnel Committee and Chairperson of the East Madison Branch.

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Bertha Campbell
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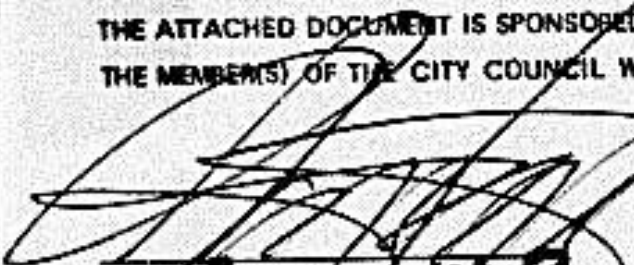

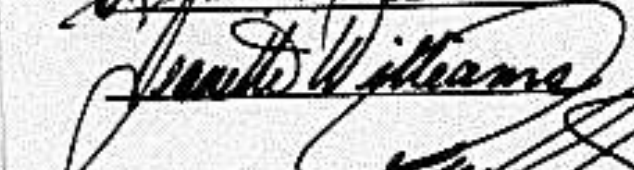
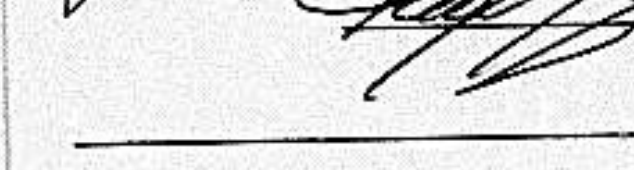

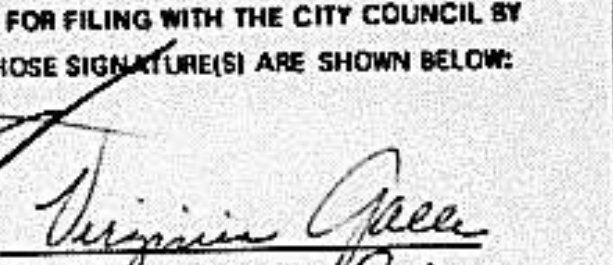
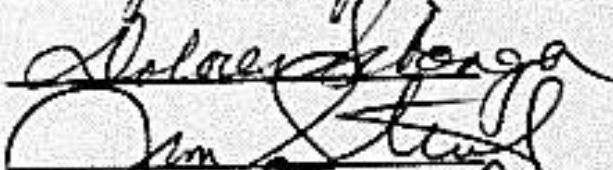
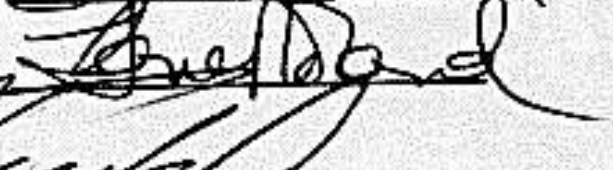
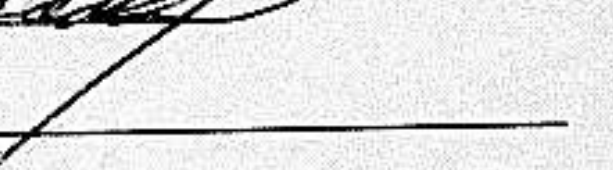

- One of the founding members of the Christian Friends for Racial Equality - a group of multiracial persons who recognized the need for unity of purpose and sought to involve church in acting to end racial injustices in Seattle. The group examined cases of discrimination in restaurants, hotels, motels, the Red Cross, theaters, housing projects, housing for students at the University of Washington, automobile insurance for non-Caucasians.
- During the war years (1941-45) when women were asked to take jobs men had to vacate in order to fight in the war, Bertha became an indefinite war substitute as a postal clerk in the Seattle Post Office and served for 10 years.
- Also during the war years she organized a canteen for Black Soldiers at the newly formed YMCA.

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