

INTRODUCED: 08/15/2011

REFERRED TO: Committee of the Whole

SPONSOR: Councillors Bateman and Pfisterer

DIGEST: recognizes Elizabeth "Cissi" Sherlock

SOURCE:

Initiated by: Councillor Bateman

Drafted by: Natrina DeBow, Assistant Clerk of the Council

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADOPTION:

Subject to approval or veto by Mayor

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE:

Adoption and approvals

GENERAL COUNSEL APPROVAL: _____

Date: August 11, 2011

CITY-COUNTY SPECIAL RESOLUTION NO. _____, 2011

A SPECIAL RESOLUTION recognizing Elizabeth "Cissi" Sherlock.

WHEREAS, Cissy Sherlock has worked for a local business-to-business publication, other local newspapers and various network marketing entities. She spent 14 years as an arts and crafts instructor for a local 4H program; was a singer, a dancer and a DJ on-air and mobile for many years in many cities, and retired from it all to be a mother; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sherlock is the Founder and Director of Operation OpenUP Community Outreach Service, Inc, a cell phone recycling program and outreach ministry that has worked with community businesses, churches and organizations since 2004; and

WHEREAS, Operation OpenUP works to help members of the community with communication needs of receiving calls for things such as housing, employment and other services needed to move forward with rebuilding their lives; and

WHEREAS, Operation OpenUP, in conjunction with businesses and organizations, host cell phone collection drives to provide clients who are referred to the program with an activated cell phone and charger. Client referrals include people who fall into categories of ex-offenders, re-entry, homeless, transitional living, emergency and non-emergency medical situations, veterans, domestic abuse, senior citizens, disabled and other special circumstances; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Ms. Sherlock established PRGIndy Business and Empowerment Center, a business incubator offering business empowerment and personal development training, shared office space, conference room rental and an executive mail center for home businesses, small businesses and independent business owners; and

WHEREAS, the mission statement for Operation OpenUP and PRGIndy is "Opening Minds. Opening Hearts. Building Relationships," and their motto states that they strive to open the lines of communication in the community; and

WHEREAS, as an ex-offender dedicated to inspiring others in similar circumstances, Ms. Sherlock's motto to motivate and inspire all who have been denied for whatever reason is "You deny me, You Empower me"; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sherlock is a survivor, a motivator, a mentor and a believer who was determined not to let her circumstances claim her as a victim; now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY-COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS AND OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. The Indianapolis City-County Council proudly recognizes Elizabeth "Cissy" Sherlock for her dedication and the many contributions that she has made to the community.

SECTION 2. The Council commends Ms. Sherlock for creating the PRGIndy Career Opportunity Fair, a business opportunity event designed to introduce alternative income streams to the community.

SECTION 3. The Mayor is invited to join in this resolution by affixing his signature hereto.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon adoption and compliance with IC 36-3-4-14.

The foregoing was passed by the City-County Council this _____ day of _____, 2011, at _____ p.m.

ATTEST:

Ryan Vaughn
President, City-County Council

Melissa Thompson
Clerk, City-County Council

Presented by me to the Mayor this _____ day of _____, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.

Melissa Thompson
Clerk, City-County Council

Approved and signed by me this _____ day of _____, 2011.

Gregory A. Ballard, Mayor