

**ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

ACTION AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: February 17, 2009

Action Agenda

Item No. 4-m

SUBJECT: Resolution Honoring Central High School

DEPARTMENT:

PUBLIC HEARING: (Y/N)

ATTACHMENT(S):

INFORMATION CONTACT:

Laura Blackmon, 245-2300

Draft Resolution

PURPOSE: To consider a resolution honoring Central High School.

BACKGROUND: On February 28, 2009, the Central High School Exhibit Committee will host the official opening of *Minority Milestones: Celebrating Central High School*. This is a project of the Orange County Historical Museum, a constituent of the Historical Foundation of Hillsborough and Orange County. The exhibit will open on February 17th, with the principal festivities occurring on Saturday, February 28th from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Mount Bright Baptist Church in Hillsborough. The festivities include a panel of speakers with different perspectives on life at Central High School.

Members of the Committee contacted BOCC Chair Valerie Foushee and requested the BOCC consider a resolution honoring Central High School. The Committee also asked the Town of Hillsborough to consider a similar resolution. A draft resolution is attached.

It should be noted the facility that served as Central High School is now Hillsborough Elementary School.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: There is no financial impact associated with consideration of the resolution honoring Central High School.

RECOMMENDATION(S): The Manager recommends the Board approve the attached resolution and authorize the Chair to sign the resolution.

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RESOLUTION HONORING CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, Central High School, initially known as Hillsborough High School for Negroes, played a major role in educating many African-American youths from 1938 to 1968; and

WHEREAS, though called a high school, Central High School educated students from the 1st through the 12th grades; and

WHEREAS, Central High was the only school in Northern Orange County that African-American high school students could attend; and

WHEREAS the superb leadership of Central High School stood against great odds to improve academic achievement for its students; and

WHEREAS, the Central High School Parents Teachers Association supported the school leadership through the repair and maintenance of the infrastructure, and through the purchase of equipment, books and uniforms for the students; and

WHEREAS, Central High School graduates went on to become outstanding members, role models and leaders of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, many graduates successfully obtained college degrees to become professors, lawyers, architects, engineers, commissioners, bishops, and elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the organizers and participants of the 40th Anniversary Reunion of Central High School brought County and State notoriety to Central High School;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Orange County Board of Commissioners honor CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL for its prominent and exceptional role in the social development and cultural advancement of the people of Hillsborough and Northern Orange County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board acknowledges the significance and legacy of CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL in the history of Hillsborough and Northern Orange County.

This 17th day of February, 2009.

Valerie Foushee, Chair
Orange County Board of Commissioners