

Item # 47

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

Regular Meeting

JANUARY 29, 2019

SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF

VICE-MAYOR DALE V.C.

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The Broward County Board of County Commissioners
c/o Mayor Mark Bogen
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**Re: Naming of East Wing of Broward County Courthouse
Thomas J. Reddick Jr.**

Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Commissioners:

I unanimously to support the agenda item before the Broward County Board of County Commissioners to name the East Wing of the new Broward County Courthouse in memory of former Judge Thomas J. "TJ" Reddick, Jr.

Judge Reddick was passionate about justice for all. In pursuing that passion, Judge Reddick was a first in many ways that have positively impacted our entire community. As outlined by the South Florida Caribbean News in November, Judge Reddick was "the first Black attorney to open an office and practice law in Broward County, the first Black attorney appointed to the Broward County Court of Record, and the first Black person elected to serve as Circuit Court Judge in the State of Florida."

Based upon Judge Reddick's life long commitment to the community, attorneys formed an association and named it "The TJ Reddick Bar Association." Formed to pursue equal access to law firms and the courthouse leadership, Judge Reddick's legacy continues to impact the community. As described by The TJ Reddick Bar Association, "Today, the Association has broadened its purpose and is dedicated to promoting the professional excellence of Black lawyers in Broward County, increasing the enrollment of minority students in college and law school, and promoting the general welfare of all citizens in Broward County. The Association not only provides legal-advice clinics, its members also mentor minority law students attending local law schools."

Judge Reddick's life example, legacy and the efforts on behalf of the Bar Association in his name have bettered not only the Broward County professional community for all lawyers and judges, but have transformed lives and the community at large.

Therefore, I unanimously and enthusiastically endorses your decision to proceed forward with the naming of the East Wing of the 17th Judicial Circuit Courthouse, in and for Broward County, in memory of and for Thomas J. "TJ" Reddick.

Sincerely,

Heather Moraitis, Commissioner, District 1

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