

Regular Meeting

Agenda Item #	1
Meeting Date	January 28, 2008
Prepared By	Suzanne Ludlow, Deputy City Manager
Approved By	Barbara B. Matthews, City Manager

Discussion Item	Resolution Offering Condolences to the Family and Friends of The Honorable Gwendolyn T. Britt
Background	State Senator Gwendolyn T. Britt passed away suddenly on January 12, 2008. She served Maryland and District 47 well and was a good friend to Takoma Park.
Policy	The City Council honors those who have served the Takoma Park community and offers condolences to friends and families upon their passing.
Fiscal Impact	n/a
Attachments	Draft resolution.
Recommendation	Approve resolution.
Special Consideration	

Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
RESOLUTION 2008-**

Offering Condolences to the Family and Friends of The Honorable Gwendolyn T. Britt

WHEREAS, Gwendolyn T. Britt ably represented District 47 as a State Senator since January 2003; and

WHEREAS, Senator Britt supported many initiatives serving the Langley Park community she represented, including pedestrian safety efforts and the construction of the Purple Line; and

WHEREAS, Senator Britt worked closely with the City of Takoma Park on these and other efforts of mutual interest; and

WHEREAS, Senator Britt rapidly rose to a leadership position in the General Assembly through her effectiveness and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Senator Britt was primed to champion same sex marriage legislation in the State of Maryland this year, a position the City of Takoma Park supports; and

WHEREAS, besides her work as a State Senator, Gwendolyn Britt had a long history as a civil rights activist, fighting to desegregate Glen Echo Park in 1960 and later joining the Freedom Riders where she challenged Jim Crow laws in the South; and

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park community was deeply saddened to learn of her sudden death on January 12, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT on behalf of the City Council, staff and residents, we do hereby offer our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Gwendolyn T. Britt.

Adopted this ____ day of January, 2008.

Bruce R. Williams, Mayor