

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board Meeting
May 21, 2020

RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF FRANCES E. HUNTER

- WHEREAS, Frances E. Hunter distinguished herself as an educator, administrator, mentor, and community leader, whose passion for the arts made a lasting impact on Cleveland Public Library and her beloved Collinwood neighborhood; and
- WHEREAS, During her service on the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Public Library from 1990 to 2003, Frances Hunter played a pivotal role in this important chapter in the Library's history with the passage of the \$90 million bond issue, the construction of the Louis Stokes Wing and Lake Shore Facility, the renovation of the Main Library Building and Eastman Reading Garden, the commissioning of public art for these spaces, minority participation in these projects, and the appointment of Andrew A. Venable, Jr., the Library's first African American director; and
- WHEREAS, Her fellow trustees elected Mrs. Hunter as President of the Board for three consecutive years (1993-1995) during which time she led the Library with a gracious manner and a warm smile, but also with a clarity of vision and a firmness of purpose that would surprise those who mistook her kindness for weakness or her gentleness for a lack of resolve; and
- WHEREAS, Those who had the honor and pleasure of knowing Frances Hunter will remember her as a woman of exceptional intelligence, empathy, and generosity of spirit—a true leader whose humility inspired the best in others; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Public Library expresses its gratitude at the memory of this remarkable woman, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Frances E. Hunter, as an expression of sympathy from this Board.