

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Rockville, Maryland

January 8, 2013

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Christopher S. Barclay, President



Subject: In Appreciation of Mr. James Robinson

WHEREAS, Mr. James Robinson, who passed away on December 19, 2012, was a dedicated pioneer in the assembling of academic statistics about African American students in Montgomery County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson was appointed to the Montgomery County Public Schools Minority Relations Committee in 1976, and under his leadership, the committee of citizens investigated and compiled information on the progress of African American students and submitted a report to the Board of Education each year with findings and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, In 1977-1978, the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Minority Relations, of which Mr. Robinson was a member, issued a report, *Black Relations Action Steps*, that outlined concerns about academic progress of Black students, including sparse representation in Gifted/Talented or advanced academic classes in MCPS, and noted that Black students were also disproportionately assigned to special education classes and were disproportionately included in the numbers of students in the category of ineligibility; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education appreciates and salutes Mr. Robinson for his voluntary, scholarly work which has influenced the progress of African American and Latino students who, because of the efforts of the citizens, staff, and superintendent, are beginning to show progress in closing the gap in academic achievement among all students in MCPS; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Mr. James Robinson.

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