



HONORARY STREET NAME SIGN APPLICATION

2nd Floor, City Hall
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

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CITY OF MILWAUKEE

For Office Use Only:

Case number: H- Recommendation:

1. Applicant information:

Applicant's Name YVONNE KEMP

Organization or Company

Street Address 4335 N. 104th St. #102 City/State MILWAUKEE, WI, Zip 53222

Telephone (414) 241-7733 Fax Email YMKEMP@wi.rr.com

2. Honorary Street Name Request

Street name requested MATTIEBELLE WOODS - WEST CENTER STREET AND

Location of proposed designation: (for example, West Main Street from North 12th Street to North 15th Street)

MATTIEBELLE WOODS TRIANGLE - NORTH 27th STREET
WEST CENTER STREET
WEST FOND DU LAC AVENUE

3. Required Submittals:

- Refer to Chapter 113-3, Milwaukee Code of Ordinances
A typed statement containing no fewer than 500 words describing the significance of the person, place, or event being honored. The statement should indicate why a particular section of street has been requested for the honorary designation.

4. Street Naming Committee

- Upon submission of this application, please allow four to six weeks for City staff to review your request with the Street Naming Committee. Upon completion of the City's staff review, this request will be scheduled before the Street Naming Committee. All owners/residents along this street affected by the proposed honorary street name will be notified of the meeting and this is their opportunity to indicate their support or opposition to the honorary street name request. The committee will then make its recommendation to the Public Works Committee (PW). A deposit to cover the City's cost to install and/or fabricate the honorary street signs must be made before this request can be scheduled before the PW Committee. The PW Committee will make their recommendation to the Common Council. The applicant will be notified of the Common Council's action.

5. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:

My application consists of the following items necessary to complete the application. Please check:

- Completed Application Form, Plus One Copy, plus a \$100 fee (check made payable to "City Treasurer").
Autobiography or statement regarding the person, place, or event being honored.

Signature Yvonne Kemp Date 02/07/2010

Printed Name YVONNE KEMP

c: Local Alderman Ald. Humes

CITY OF MILWAUKEE  
2010 FEB -8 PM 2:34  
RONALD D. LEONHARDT  
CITY CLERK

February 7, 2010

Ron Leonhardt  
City of Milwaukee  
Common Council / City Clerk's Office  
City Hall  
200 East Wells St. Room 205  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Ron Leonhardt.

**Mattiebelle Woods Commemorative:**

I am proposing an honorary street sign (West Center Street) named "Mattiebelle Woods" and a triangle of land surrounded by a cement walkway "Mattiebelle Woods Triangle".

This triangle is North 27<sup>th</sup> Street, West Center Street and West Fond du Lac Avenue.

I would like one (1) honorary street sign over the West Center Street sign, closest to the triangle.

On the triangle of land, if possible, I would like a bench with a plaque attached, and a pair of high heel shoes.

Mattiebelle's career and honors are too numerous to mention, I will include an attachment.

I have chosen this street and triangle of land because Mattiebelle has an exhibit in the Wisconsin Black Historical Society Museum, 2620 W. Clarke Street, across the street from the triangle.

I have discussed this with the following people:

Dawn Schmidt, Civil Engineer III at City of Milwaukee

Jacqueline Ward, Manager North Avenue Marketplace BID 32

Brenna Holley, Milwaukee Community Service Corp. BID 37

Marcia Cornell Lindholm, City of Milwaukee Infrastructure Services Division

Alderman Willie Wade, 7<sup>th</sup> District

President Willie Hines, Common Council

Enclosed is a map of the area along with a brief biography of Mattiebelle Woods' career and honors she received during her 103 years.

Thank you in advance,

Yvonne Kemp  
4335 N. 104<sup>th</sup> St. Apt. 102  
Milwaukee, WI 53222  
(414) 241-7733

*In Memory...*  
*Celebrating The Life*  
*Of*  
*Mattiebelle Woods*



(1902-2005)

**Saturday, February 26, 2005**

**St. Mark A.M.E Church  
1616 W. Atkinson Ave.  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

**M**attiebelle Woods was born October 31, 1902 to Ira and Annabelle Woods in Louisville Kentucky. She attended West Division High School in Milwaukee. After a brief stay in Chicago, she attended Wendel Phillips High School.

She has worked over fifty (50) years as a Journalist and a community activist. Mattiebelle was the oldest living working journalist in America and held the same title as the oldest election poll supervisor. She believed in helping people, especially the young with a positive attitude and strong spirit. Mattiebelle often said, "I believe in helping people and I'm still doing it....That's why I can't get old....There's just too much to do". ( With her hands on her hips. One of her familiar gestures).

Her infectious smile and signature dance routine, The Electric Slide, was a delight for everyone to see and participate in and she literally could not appear at a function without performing it.

Mattiebelle Woods could be described as a charismatic Woman, Journalist, Entrepreneur, Philanthropist, Political Activist, Mentor, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Great-Great Grandmother and a very, very special friend. None of the above titles captures the essence of this trailblazer's unique spirit and passion. She was unique in every way. She loved people and gave back to her community.

Mattiebelle leaves to cherish her memories, Daughter, Kathryn Bedford, three grandchildren Dennis, Kenneth and Karen Bedford, Great-great grand children Kimberly Ann and Kevin Bedford, The Milwaukee Courier, WNOV 860 AM family, adopted children Jestene McCord, Harry Kemp, Yvonne Kemp, Faithe Colas, Anthony Tatum and the entire Milwaukee Wisconsin community.

Mattiebelle Woods passed away on Thursday, Feb. 17, 2005 at St. Michael's Hospital after a very brief illness.



## A Tribute to a Woman who Loved Her Community

You're known for your great loyalty To your family, neighbors and friends. For your devotion, trust and faithfulness To be there until the end

You're known for your generous giving To so very many in need Your cards and gifts helped brighten the days And have planted many seeds

You're known to be a great listener To all both young and old To share your advice and experience Something we can all hold

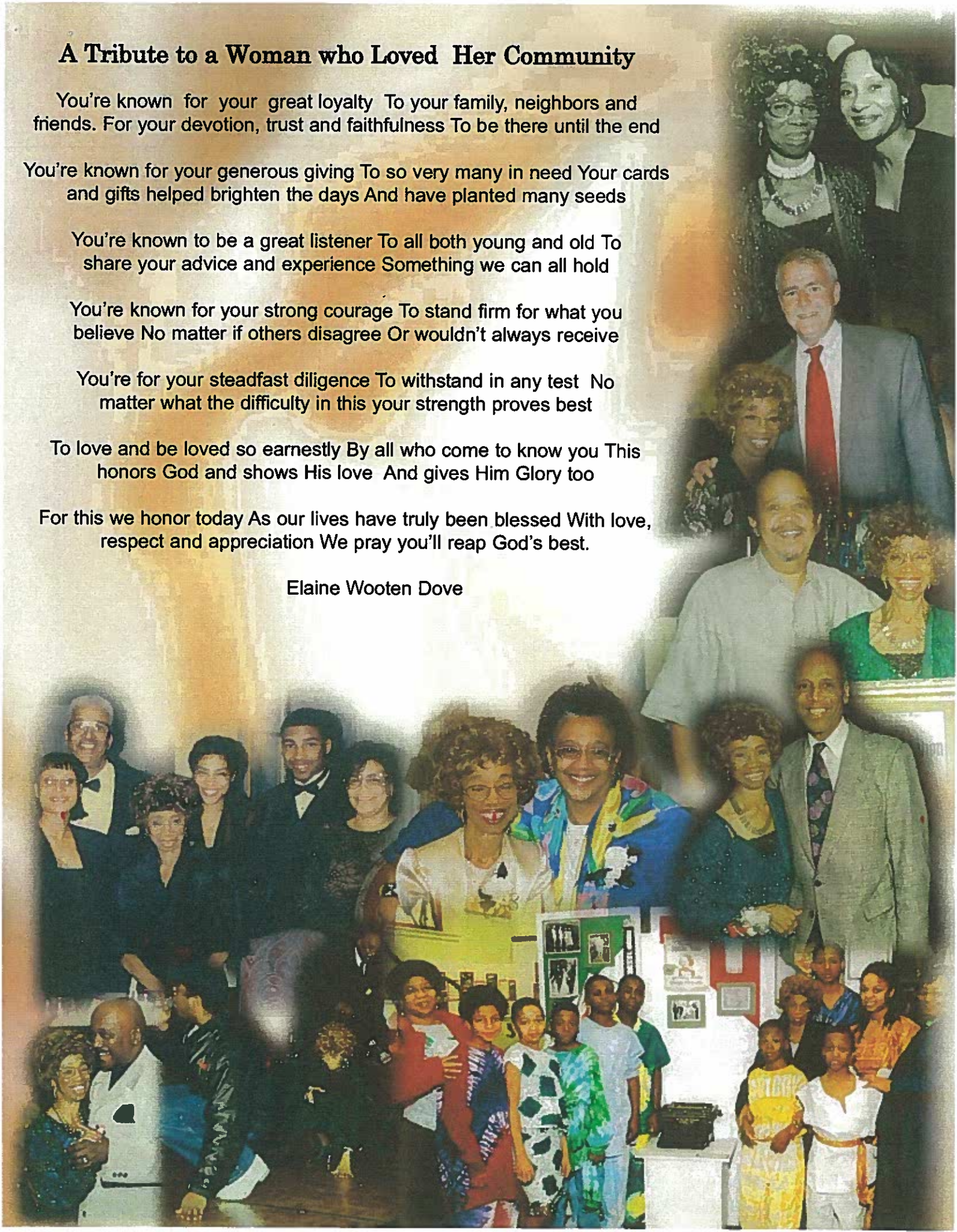
You're known for your strong courage To stand firm for what you believe No matter if others disagree Or wouldn't always receive

You're for your steadfast diligence To withstand in any test No matter what the difficulty in this your strength proves best

To love and be loved so earnestly By all who come to know you This honors God and shows His love And gives Him Glory too

For this we honor today As our lives have truly been blessed With love, respect and appreciation We pray you'll reap God's best.

Elaine Wooten Dove



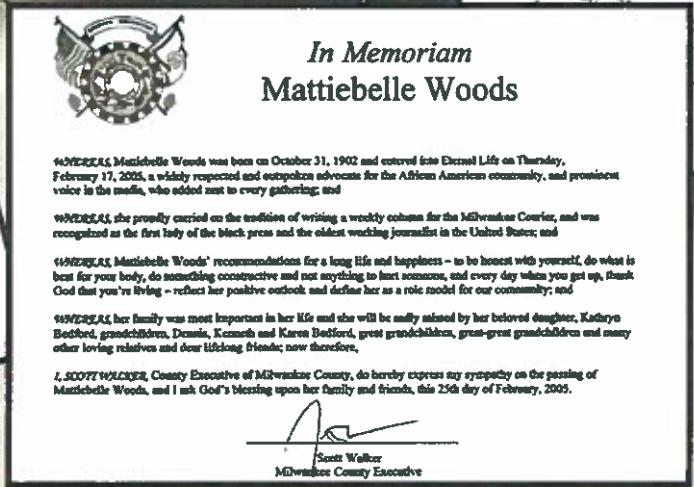
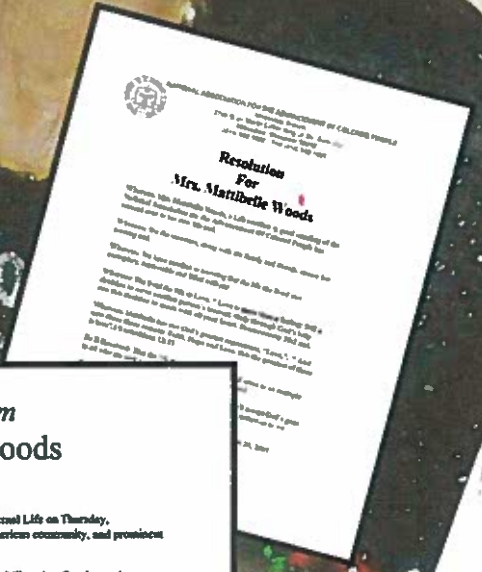
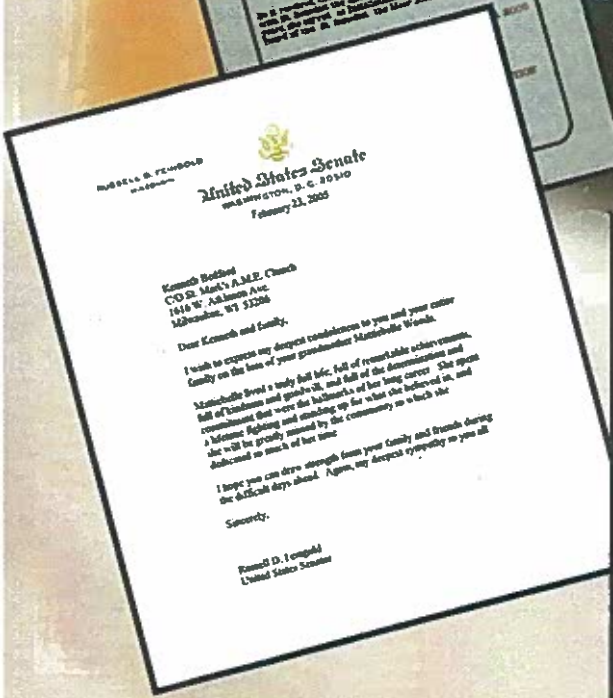
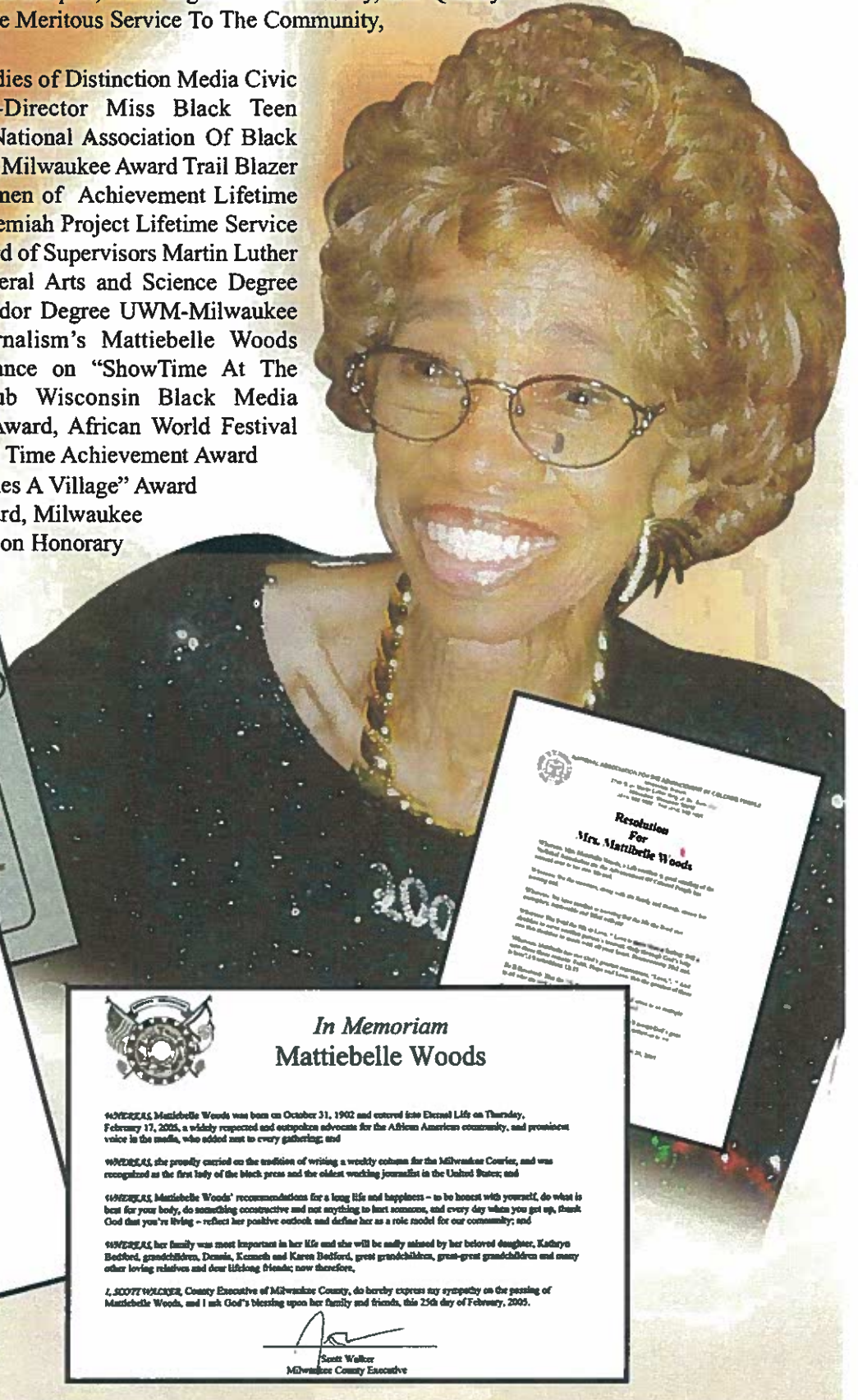
### CAREER

Editor-Milwaukee Edition Chicago Defender Newspaper, Milwaukee Globe, Columnist Milwaukee Star, Columnist Milwaukee Stringer, Jet Magazine, Johnson Publishing Co. Milwaukee Courier- Public Relations & Columnist Community Involvement Area Chairman-March of Dimes Team Captain-Cancer Drive Division Leader Community Chest, The United Way, MSD Drive ALS Drive, NAACP Drive, United Negro College Fund Drive, Milwaukee Urban League And Much More

### HONORS

NAACP Achievement Award, National Urban League Black Female Pioneer Award, Wisconsin Traveler's Social Club Afro-American Ancestry Award Beta Beta Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Quality of Life Award, Milwaukee Urban League Meritous Service To The Community, Zembo Temple #70

Status of Women Service Award, Top Ladies of Distinction Media Civic Contribution Award, YWCA Founder-Director Miss Black Teen Wisconsin 1970-1979 Pioneer Award, National Association Of Black Journalist Women Putting their Stamp on Milwaukee Award Trail Blazer Award, Alpha Sorority Outstanding Women of Achievement Lifetime Award, YWCA Civil Rights Award, Nehemiah Project Lifetime Service & Achievement, New Black Caucus Board of Supervisors Martin Luther King, Jr. Heritage Award, Honorary Liberal Arts and Science Degree from MATC, Honorary Social Ambassador Degree UWM-Milwaukee Marquette University School of Journalism's Mattiebelle Woods Journalism Scholarship Guest Appearance on "ShowTime At The Apollo" 2004 Milwaukee Press Club Wisconsin Black Media Association's Life Time Achievement Award, African World Festival Queen Mother, Images of Us Sports Life Time Achievement Award Milwaukee Community Journal's "It Takes A Village" Award Milwaukee Times Black Excellence Award, Milwaukee Chapter National Black Nurses Association Honorary Member And Many More



# Order Of Service

**Prelude**  
**Opening Remarks**..... "How Great Thou Art"  
**Prayer - Scripture**  
**Selection**.....St. Mark A.M.E. Church Choir  
**Tributes**.....2 minutes, please be brief.....Congresswoman Gwen Moore  
Jerrel Jones, President/CEO  
Courier Communication Corporation  
Mayor Tom Barrett  
State Senator Lena Taylor  
The Honorable Maxine White  
Ralph Hollman,  
President Milwaukee Urban League  
**Miss Black Teen Pageant Theme Song**..... Berkeley Fudge  
"She's Our Queen"  
Vivian King - Mike Anderson  
**Tributes**.....Retired Alderwoman and  
1st Winner of Miss Black Teen Pageant  
Marlene Johnson-Odom  
Alderman Joe Davis  
Faithe Colas, Publisher Milwaukee Courier  
County Supervisor Elizabeth Coggs-Jones  
Dr. Darnell Cole. President MATC  
State Rep. Barbara Toles  
Charlene Hardin. Vice President MPS Board  
**Resolutions** ..... Vivian King - Mike Anderson  
TMJ 4 News - WISN 12 News  
**Tributes**.....The Honorable Judge Vel Phillips  
Cecilia Smith Robertson,  
Senator Russ Feingold's Office  
Larry Walters, Miller Brewing Company  
Diana Bradford-Canon  
Martha Love, Chair Milwaukee County Democratic Party  
Madeline Wake, Provost Marquette University  
**Selections**.....Kim Stratton  
**Tributes**.....The Honorable Judge Louis Butler  
County Board Chairman Lee Holloway  
Dashel Young, County Executive Scott Walker's Office  
State Rep. Robert Turner  
Dr. Joan Prince. Vice Chancellor UWM-Milwaukee  
Mary Dowell, Johnson Controls  
Jestene McCord  
Mary Walker, NAACP Milwaukee Chapter  
**Eulogy** .....Pastor Darryl Williams  
**Recessional**

**Internment**  
Glen Oaks Cemetery  
4530 N. Green Bay

**Repast**  
Wisconsin's Black Historical Society  
Museum, 2620 W. Center St.



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