

RESOLUTION #2025-101

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE OF SPEAKER
EMERITA MELISSA HORTMAN TO THE CITY OF BROOKLYN PARK, MINNESOTA, ITS
RESIDENTS, THE COMMUNITY, THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, AND
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WHEREAS, the Honorable Melissa Hortman began her distinguished public service to the City of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, as a member of the Citizen Long-range Improvement Committee in 2003; and

WHEREAS, she was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives in 2004, initially representing District 47B, later serving District 36B beginning in 2012, and most recently District 34B in 2022; and she went on to serve with distinction, ultimately becoming the 61st Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Melissa Hortman has served the State of Minnesota with distinction for over two decades as a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives, including her role as Speaker of the House from 2019 to 2025; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Emerita Hortman has been a steadfast advocate for the City of Brooklyn Park, diligently working to secure critical infrastructure investments, including support for the Highway 610 corridor, enhancing transportation and economic development opportunities for the community; and

WHEREAS, she has championed the needs of Brooklyn Park's youth and families, playing an instrumental role in securing funding for the Zanewood Recreation Teen Center and other community-focused initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Emerita Hortman has prioritized equitable access to quality education by ensuring stable and growing funding for Minnesota's E-12 education system, reflecting her deep commitment to educational opportunity and social equity; and

WHEREAS, her leadership was pivotal in enacting forward-thinking legislation in renewable energy, such as the solar energy standard and community solar programs, underscoring her commitment to environmental sustainability and a cleaner future; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure, Representative Hortman served with integrity, intelligence, and compassion, and remained deeply connected to her community as a neighbor, advocate, and role model; and

WHEREAS, the City also acknowledges the unwavering support and partnership of her husband, Mark Hortman, whose encouragement and dedication provided strength behind the scenes and contributed meaningfully to Representative Hortman's public service and community impact.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, the Mayor of Brooklyn Park, along with the City Council, city employees, and residents of the city, extend our deepest condolences to the family, friends, and loved ones of the Honorable Melissa Hortman. We honor her remarkable legacy and express our heartfelt gratitude for her many years of dedicated service. Her memory will continue to inspire and guide our community now and for generations to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that I, the Mayor of Brooklyn Park, together with the City Council, city employees, and residents of the city, also extend our deepest condolences to the family, friends, and loved ones of Mark Hortman, recognizing and honoring his steadfast support, dedication as a husband and father, and the important role he played while Melissa faithfully served the State of Minnesota.

Adopted this 23rd day of June 2025, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota.



HOLLIES WINSTON
MAYOR

NICHOLE KLONOWSKI

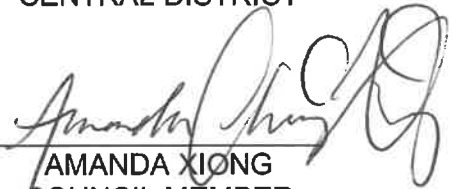
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The foregoing resolution was introduced by Council Member Tony McGarvey and duly seconded by Council Member Nichole Klonowski.

The following voted in favor of the resolution: Eriksen, Xiong, Klonowski, Page, McGarvey, Tran, and Winston.

The following voted against: None.

The following were absent: None.

The following abstained: None.

Where upon the resolution was adopted.

ADOPTED June 23, 2025



HOLLIES WINSTON, MAYOR

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN
CITY OF BROOKLYN PARK

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified City Clerk of the City of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, hereby certify that the above resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution as adopted by the City Council of the City of Brooklyn Park on June 23, 2025.

WITNESS my hand officially as such Clerk and the corporate seal of the city this 24th day of June 2025.

(SEAL)



DEVIN MONTERO, CITY CLERK