

RESOLUTION NO. 20111208-078

WHEREAS, Mrs. Willie Mae “Ankie” Kirk has engaged in more than 50 years of philanthropy in the Austin community and has devoted most of her life to public service; and

WHEREAS, Willie Mae Kirk began her career as a certified public school teacher in 1947 and served as a dynamic, generous, open-handed, giving, kind, understanding and outstanding elementary school teacher through 1982; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Jeffrey Friedman first appointed Willie Mae Kirk to the Library Commission in 1971 where she helped to spearhead a funding drive and bond initiative that resulted in dramatic improvements to the George Washington Carver Library including architectural design and building of a new 10,000 square foot library adjacent to the existing building, concurrent with the remodeling of the original building as a museum; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kirk worked tirelessly to resolve problems in order to improve library facilities, staffing inequities and unsafe conditions on library premises and was a champion for all of Austin’s libraries through her 12 years as a commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kirk frequently collaborated with other involved citizens and community leaders on many fronts to build bridges across races and to promote social justice and quality education in Austin; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The Council initiates a renaming process under City Code Chapter 14-1, Article 4 to rename the Oak Springs Branch Library, the "Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library" and directs the City Manager to submit this suggestion to the Director of Public Works and start the public process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

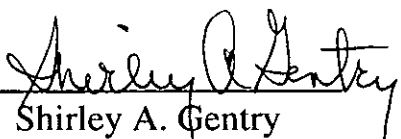
The City Manager is further directed to bring an agenda item back to the Council with a recommendation from the Library Commission for renaming the Oak Springs Branch Library in accordance with the City Code as modified by this resolution on February 2, 2012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

Council waives the requirement to allow at least 90 days for additional suggestions or endorsements to be submitted under City Code Section 14-1-34(D), so that the renaming process can be completed for the February 2, 2012 Council meeting.

ADOPTED: December 8, 2011

ATTEST:


Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk