

RECOGNITION IN MEMORY OF VERA ROLLE FARRINGTON

Vera Rolle Farrington was born on March 3, 1929, in West Palm Beach, Florida to the parents of Lillian Dames Rolle of Exuma, Bahamas and Reuben Rolle of Acklins, Bahamas. She moved to Delray Beach, Florida with her mother and sister in 1932 after the death of her father. She attended public schools in Palm Beach County and graduated from George Washington Carver High School in Delray Beach, 1947. She received both her Associate Degree and Bachelor of Science Degree in Homemaking with a minor in Science from Tuskegee Institute in Alabama in 1949 and 1958, respectively.

During her career, she taught Homemaking and Life Science classes at different schools. She served as interim Dean of Girls, Dean of Students and later Assistant Principal. She received a Master of Education Degree from Florida Atlantic University and retired from the Palm Beach County School System as an Assistant Principal in 1992.

She always sought ways to encourage and motivate achievement among youth, especially teenagers. She was a musician at the Church of God, a music director for the Junior Choir at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, and she organized a community girls club, The Y-Teens. She was a member of the Board of Directors of the county-wide Planned Parenthood and organized chapters in Boca and Delray.

Mrs. Farrington's dream was to preserve the history of the Black community in her native Palm Beach County through careful and consistent collecting and archiving so that others could learn about and be part of this unique history. She is the founder and organizer of the historical organization, EXPANDING & PRESERVING OUR CULTURAL HERITAGE, Inc. (EPOCH), which is the non-profit organization that established the S.D. Spady Cultural Heritage Museum and the West Settler's Historic District. She was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa and Zeta Phi Beta Sororities and was active in community, city, county, and national affairs.

On behalf of the Delray Beach City Commission, we thank Ms. Farrington for her dedicated community service and commitment to excellence.

Sincerely,

Thomas F. Carney, Jr.,
Mayor