

2017 RES-460  
MEMORIAL TO ROBERT FYRST

WHEREAS Robert (Rob) Christopher Fyrst, resident of Austin Texas, and former Dane County Board member passed away on Tuesday, February 6, 2018; and

WHEREAS Rob was a member of the Dane County Board of Supervisors from 2000 – 2006 representing District 8 serving on the Personnel and Finance Committee, the Health and Human Needs Committee, and the Youth Commission; and

WHEREAS Rob's work in the community as one of the nation's first openly gay African-American elected officials, and first African American to serve in County Board leadership, as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair of the County Board in 2004, and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair in 2005; and

WHEREAS Rob, who has been a leader and advocate both locally and nationally, lived his life with countless contributions as a parent, educator, and public servant, was admired and respected by many, and spoke out on issues of justice in education, voting rights, and more; and

WHEREAS Rob was an avid tennis fan and loved watching and discussing professional tennis with his friends; and

WHEREAS Rob's commitment to education as a beloved Associate Professor of Political Science at Austin Community College was an influence to all of those he taught.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its sorrow at the passing of Rob Fyrst and extends its sympathy to his family as we join them in mourning their loss; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that as a final token of our esteem and deep respect that copies of this resolution be presented to the family of Rob Fyrst.