

**City of Boston**  
IN  
**CITY COUNCIL**

**BOSTON CITY COUNCILLORS CHARLES C. YANCEY AND CHUCK TURNER**  
**MARY ELIZABETH GITTENS**

- WHEREAS: Mary Elizabeth Gittens was born in Savannah, Georgia on September 10, 1940; and
- WHEREAS: Gittens was raised in Manhattan, New York, where she attended Washington Irving High School; and
- WHEREAS: Gittens, in 1970, moved to Boston, Massachusetts, where she worked for the United States Post Office at Postal Annex, South Station; and
- WHEREAS: Gittens later became the first African-American female toll collector for the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, a triumph posted in several publications, including Jet Magazine; and
- WHEREAS: Gittens also worked as a collector for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, and as a dispatcher for the City of Boston Senior Shuttle; and
- WHEREAS: Gittens worked under the City of Boston Mayoral administrations of Kevin White, Raymond Flynn, and Thomas Menino; and
- WHEREAS: Gittens, who was a member of Morning Star Baptist Church, was also a member of the Cambridge Elks, and she volunteered as a tutor for the Leap for Literacy program; and
- WHEREAS: Gittens, in May of 2006, founded the Golden Star Club, a social club for women 65 and older; and
- WHEREAS: Gittens served as Matron, Grand Chapter Secretary, Deputy and Chairperson of several committees for John G. Jones Grand Chapter, Inc., Order of the Eastern Star; and
- WHEREAS: Gittens was also a member of Rose L. Russell Court No. 2, Heroines of Jericho; Isadora Court No. 2, Ancient Arabic Order Daughters of Sphinx; Elizabeth Hudson Court No. 1, House of the Amaranth Royal and Exalted Degree; Mary L. Mercer Council, No. 76 Lady Knights Templar; and Adah Chapter No. 6 Order of the Eastern Star; and
- WHEREAS: Gittens, an active participant in the electoral process in Massachusetts, was an avid reader, who enjoyed crocheting and playing scrabble; and
- WHEREAS: Gittens leaves behind five children: Antonia C. Hamilton, Cedric M. Hamilton, Monet C. Hamilton, Germaine C. Jones, and Tyrone C. Tilman, and several grandchildren and great grandchildren; Be It Therefore
- RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, remembers Mary Elizabeth Gittens for her volunteerism, her great sense of humor, and her devotion to the electoral process.



By: [Signature]  
President of the City Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: [Signature]

Date: November 3, 2010