

Resolution of the City of Minneapolis

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Recognizing the contributions of Renee A. Baron to the City of Minneapolis.

Whereas, Renee A. Baron faithfully served the City of Minneapolis for 36 years, beginning her career as a stenographer in 1975; and

Whereas, Renee A. Baron joined the Minneapolis City Attorney's Office in June 1977, serving as Secretary to City Attorney Bob Alfton, and Program Assistant, Supervisory to City Attorneys Surrell Brady and Jay Heffern and, in her most recent position, as Supervisor, Legal Support Services for the Criminal Division; and

Whereas, among Renee A. Baron's most notable accomplishments include her tireless efforts to provide critical input to the design and development of the Criminal Division's new case management system in 2006 and thereafter played an instrumental role in guiding its implementation and roll out to Criminal Division attorneys and staff; and

Whereas, Renee A. Baron continued her significant contributions to the new case management system by acting as a liaison during lengthy meetings with other criminal justice partners that resulted in a uniquely designed and successful integration of data from multiple agencies into a single case management system that has eased cumbersome data entry for staff by allowing for the automatic population of key data into the case management system and laid the groundwork for future integrations between outside systems, i.e., American Defender, VIBES and the Jail Management System; and

Whereas, Renee A. Baron approached the technical issues with the case management system, including the notorious "default-default" malfunction, with super human patience, tenacity and dedication, such that the Criminal Division now has a reliable, functioning system; and

Whereas, Renee A. Baron managed the Criminal Division's transition from SIP (a Hennepin County criminal information database) to MNCIS (a statewide criminal information data base), the access and auditing of the Criminal Justice Integration System and was the department administrator for assisting Criminal Division employees to gain access to the required outside systems, i.e., CAPRS, VIBES, DVS, and SILS; and

Whereas, Renee A. Baron contributed to the development and production of the Criminal Division's Policies and Procedures manual as well as the development of many training documents used by staff; and

Whereas, Renee A. Baron's unique knowledge, skills and abilities to help solve critical problems and issues have been called upon on a daily basis; and

Whereas, Renee A. Baron has been a key member of the City Attorney's Office management team for over 13 years and has been an active participant on the office's *FISH* committee, Labor Management Committee, the Technology Committee and for her work over the years on many City-wide projects, including the City's flu shot clinic; and

Whereas, Renee A. Baron has been a loyal, valuable, and respected employee and friend and will be deeply missed; and

Whereas, Renee A. Baron retired from employment with the City of Minneapolis on October 25, 2011; and

Whereas, the City Council wishes to recognize Renee A. Baron's dedication and contributions to the City of Minneapolis throughout her career.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the City Council expresses its deep gratitude and appreciation to Renee A. Baron for her many years of dedicated service to the City of Minneapolis and to the Minneapolis City Attorney's Office.

Passed, November 4, 2011

Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

R.T. Rybak, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Carl, City Clerk