

RESOLUTION

Board of Hennepin County Commissioners

RESOLUTION: 25-0395

At a meeting of the Board of Hennepin County Commissioners, a motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, and seconded by Commissioner Edelson, that the Resolution be adopted. The motion passed.

WHEREAS, Melissa Hortman served the people of Minnesota with distinction as a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives from 2005 until her passing in 2025; and

WHEREAS, as Speaker of the House from 2019 to 2024, she was a trailblazer in state leadership, known for her commitment to equity, environmental stewardship, and public service. Her legislative legacy includes championing clean energy, expanding access to education, and advocating for working families across the state; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her enduring impact and deep connection to the people of Hennepin County, the Board of Commissioners previously passed a resolution on July 20, 2025, the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution honoring the life and legacy of Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman, and

WHEREAS, the family of Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman encouraged the community to honor her life by engaging in simple, meaningful acts such as planting, and

WHEREAS, to further commemorate her contributions, the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners wish to dedicate a tree on the South Plaza of the Hennepin County Government Center as a living tribute to her memory.

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners approves the dedication of a tree and commemorative plaque in memory of Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman to be located on the South Plaza of the Hennepin County Government Center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs the Communications and Facility Services departments to coordinate the planning, installation, and dedication ceremony in consultation with Speaker Hortman's family and colleagues.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON 11/6/2025

The question was on the adoption of the resolution with the votes as follows:

Aye: 6 Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

Absent: 1 Commissioner Goettel

Maria Rose



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