

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2016 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 14

RESOLUTION NO. 126 - 2016

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Maryam Elhabashy to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission.

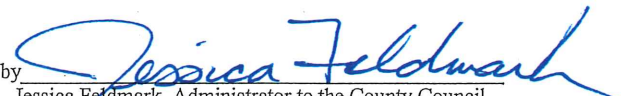
Introduced and read first time on October 5, 2016.

By order 
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on October 17, 2016.

By order 
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn by the County Council on November 9, 2016.

Certified by 
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing language; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing language. ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

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First of all, I want to take this opportunity to thank County Executive Kittleman and Dr. Sands for believing in me, and for allowing me the chance to serve with such esteemed members of the Howard County community on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission. My first encounter with Mr. Kittleman was about three years ago, when I wrote an award-winning feature story for the school newspaper on the history of desegregation in Howard County schools. In it, I recounted some of the heroes of that time, who fought for what was right. Among them, was Dr. Sands and her husband, and Mr. Kittleman's father, Robert.

In his statement on the events of that time, County Executive Kittleman said, "My dad did what he did not because he thought we'd remember and praise him 50 years later, but because he knew it was right... He's the example I think of every time I face a question that demands courage to do what's right, and what may be unpopular."

I, too, look to both ordinary and extraordinary heroes that have passed, and continue to pass through our communities, as reasons to hope for a better future, indeed a better America, even in the current rancorous political environment. This is why the commission is so important.

Social justice and equality has been on my mind for years. Last year in an op-ed I posited that we are dismembering and diminishing the immense power of our global community by isolating group after group, saddling them with stereotypes and negative caricatures of themselves. It will be impossible to connect and progress as a society if we accept the idea of a hierarchy of power, organized by races and religions, or placing one group as superior or more righteous over another.

I have had the pleasure of competing internationally, where I have spoken to young women from countries I didn't even know existed (like Kyrgyzstan), and what was made clear to me is that the most important label that we all need to understand, is that of being human.

As individuals, we can be our best selves, and we can strive to be examples for other youth and adults who are living in a time in which lines are being so thickly drawn between races, cultures, and religions. We cannot stand upon or accept those lines. We have to draw a circle: one that encompasses everyone, and that is the message that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. so powerfully espoused, for which he lived... and died. It would be my privilege to help carry this message on, to celebrate not only our similarities as members of our local and global community, but also the differences and diversity that, I believe, make us stronger.

Thank you

OBJECTIVE SUMMARY

To obtain a bachelor's degree from a four-year university.

EDUCATION

Centennial High School, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Current Weighted GPA: 4.57

Expected Graduation: May 2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**Private Tutor**

Ellicott City, MD

Arabic language

April 2013-Current

Create weekly lesson plans and student review charts | Develop and maintain student attendance and progress database | Incorporate and discuss values in literature from the curriculum | Engage students in discussions and analysis of Arabic texts | Meet with parents to discuss their child's progress, grades, and other relevant issues

Maryum Islamic Center

Ellicott City, MD

Lead Teacher

Aug 2014-June 2015

Develop and implement classroom rules and progress incentives | Create weekly lesson plans | Institute school-wide network database with parents, students and administrators regarding student attendance, grades, and curriculum progress | Engage in conference calls and meetings with parents | Present feedback and classroom solutions to administration

Dar Al-Taqwa

Ellicott City, MD

Assistant Teacher

Aug 2012-June 2013

Support lead teacher and administration with logistical, operational or instructional tasks | Oversee the safety of up to 15 students during breaks and recess time | Lead instructional activities such as lectures, Q &A sessions, or special projects | Prepare instructional materials, as needed

Muslim Community Center

Silver Spring, MD

Assistant Arabic Teacher/Volunteer

Sept 2011-May 2012

Support lead teacher and administration | Implement student reward program | Conduct oral tests of Arabic proficiency | Update attendance or student progress database | Prepare instructional materials, as needed

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**58th Annual International Competition**

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Selected by the US Department to represent the U.S. in Malaysia for 10-day competition

May 2016

The CHS Wingspan

Ellicott City, MD

Feature Editor/Freelance Writer

Sept 2014-Current

Won 2nd Place in High School Newspaper Feature Article (2015) | Edit, research and check facts for articles and other written projects | Present and write original feature story ideas | Research and interview various sources for articles

National English Honor Society

Ellicott City, MD

President

June 2015-Current

Organize volunteers and logistics for NEHS events | Produce marketing materials for NEHS events | Create and update various NEHS event volunteer applications | Communicate and collaborate with CHS staff and NEHS leaders and members for various projects

The Realm of Knowledge

Silver Spring, MD

Youth Seminars Volunteer

April 2013-May 2014

Help conduct and implement classes for students between the ages of 6 and 11 and plan youth educational programs | Communicate with parents, staff, and administration regarding student progress and program effectiveness.

ORGANIZATIONS

National Honor Society, Historian and Bylaws Committee (2015- Current)

National Art Honor Society (2014-2015)

National English Honor Society (2014- Current)

Class Board 2017

CHS Cross-Country Team (Minds in Motion)

CHS Tennis Team (Minds in Motion)

She's The First (Charitable Organization)

KEY SKILLS

Customer Service | Advertising | Microsoft Office Suite | Database Management | Photography | Graphic Design and Presentations | Social Media | PhotoShop