

Resolution Honoring the Life and Service of FDP Vice Chair and Coral Springs Vice Mayor Nancy Metayer

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WHEREAS, our community lost a radiant light, a fearless advocate, a barrier-breaker, and a voice for those too often unheard; and

WHEREAS, Nancy broke barriers in the service of her community as the first Black woman and Haitian-American elected to the Coral Springs City Commission, first winning her seat in 2020 and earning re-election unopposed in 2024, and serving a second consecutive term as Vice Mayor with grace, determination, and profound compassion; and

WHEREAS, Nancy was a proud Rattler who earned her bachelor's degree from Florida A&M University and went on to earn her Master of Health Science from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and as a scientist and sustainability strategist she dedicated that foundation to environmental justice, social equity, and resilient community development, beginning her public service career with internships in federal agencies, work on Haiti relief efforts, and service as a program manager for the Junior Sustainability Stewards Program in Broward County government; and

WHEREAS, Nancy led community outreach and organizing efforts as the Florida Democratic Party's first Vice Chair of Haitian Voter Outreach, a role to which she was appointed in March 2025, where she championed the full civic participation of Haitian-American and Caribbean communities across Florida; and

WHEREAS, Nancy served her community and her Party as the Florida Caribbean Vote Director for Harris for President in 2024, and that same year drew national attention as one of the first elected officials to publicly challenge then-Vice Presidential candidate JD Vance over false and demeaning claims that Haitian immigrants were eating pets in Springfield, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Nancy fought tirelessly for marginalized people, standing firmly with Haitian families seeking dignity and security, including speaking passionately in support of Temporary Protected Status and reminding the nation that TPS recipients had done everything that the government had asked them to do; and

WHEREAS, Nancy's love for her community was on full display just days before her passing, when she expressed her joy at seeing young people at Coral Springs' Hoppin' into Springs event and looked forward to seeing them again at Water Safety Day, a reflection of her deepest passions: protecting the environment and investing in the next generation; and

WHEREAS, in those same final days, Vice Mayor Metayer reminded her constituents, "As always, I'm available on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month during my office hours" — and she meant it, because Nancy was, in every sense, always available to the causes of humanity and to every person who needed her; and

WHEREAS, Nancy spoke openly and courageously about the urgent need for mental health care after the heartbreaking loss of her brother Donny, who died in December 2025 following years of struggle in the aftermath of the tragic shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in 2018,

transforming her grief into purpose and advocacy so that other families might find support, healing, and hope; and

WHEREAS, the state of Florida suffered a devastating loss on April 1, 2026, when Nancy's life was taken abruptly as a result of gun violence at the age of 38, cutting short a career of boundless promise and a life devoted entirely to others; and

WHEREAS, those who knew Nancy remember her fierce intelligence, her warm spirit, her courage, and the way she always showed up — for immigrants, for the Haitian community, for students, for environmental sustainability, for reproductive freedom, and for every person who deserved to be seen, protected, and valued; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the profound grief of all who knew and loved Nancy — her family, her colleagues on the Coral Springs City Commission, her sisters and brothers of the Florida Democratic Party Black Caucus, and every corner of Florida made brighter by her presence — and we commit to honoring her not only in mourning, but by continuing the work she devoted her life to: building a more caring, equitable, and humane world;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Florida Democratic Party honors Vice Mayor Nancy Metayer for her extraordinary service to the public and to our Party, and recognizes her as a barrier-breaker, a trailblazer, and a tireless advocate whose legacy belongs to all of Florida; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Florida Democratic Party expresses its profound gratitude for Nancy's service and leadership, and extends its deepest condolences to her family, her colleagues on the Coral Springs City Commission, and all who loved her; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Nancy's legacy and record of service will continue to inspire the Party as we carry forward her commitment to environmental justice, Haitian-American and Caribbean community empowerment, reproductive freedom, and the full promise of democracy, and as we continue to fight for an end to the gun violence that has stolen too many brilliant lights from our communities.