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Mayor Frank Moran, City Council and the City of Camden Mourn the Passing of Educator and Public Servant Dorothy A. Burley

CAMDEN, NJ – “On behalf of the City of Camden, our elected officials, our employees and our residents we mourn the loss of a lifelong public servant,” said Mayor Frank Moran. “Ms. Burley was influential in the lives of so many here in Camden. She was a mentor to me and so many others. I knew her to be a caring person who held her family members in the highest regard. She had a special place in her heart for the residents Camden, especially the youth and seniors. Dot will be remembered not only as a leader within our community but as an incredibly fearless woman who trail blazed a path for many to follow.”

“Ms. Burley was an iconic figure within our community.” said Council President Curtis Jenkins. “She has done so much to advance education and was an amazing community advocate. I pass along my sympathy to Ms. Burley’s family and extend gratitude for Dorothy Burley’s lifelong dedication to Camden and the City’s residents.”

Dorothy A. Burley was a lifelong resident of Camden. She was mother of two children, Anthony and Dana, a grandmother and a great-grandmother. Aside from her immediate family, Dorothy also had a large extended family which includes numerous god children and “adopted” grandchildren.

Dorothy began her 16 years teaching career in the Camden City Public Schools. She worked in various positions during her teaching tenure; at McGraw School, East Camden Middle School, Cramer School and her first teaching job started at Yorkship School. She also taught evening GED Mathematics course at Woodrow Wilson High School.

In 1993, Dorothy A. Burley was sworn in as the first African American Female Municipal Clerk for the City of Camden. She later worked and retired from CAMcare Health Corporation as the Director of Human Resources. After retiring, Dorothy continued to volunteer and assist in community service projects for the residents of Camden.

Dorothy held many appointed and elected membership positions including Camden County and Camden City Democratic Committee and the Fairview Neighbors. Ms. Burley was instrumental in working with numerous elected officials on the Federal, State, County and Municipal levels to better serve her community.

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