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# The Minneapolis Crime Prevention Service Award

This is to announce the presentation of  
**The Minneapolis Crime Prevention Service Award**  
in appreciation to

VAN WHITE

who has given generously of time and talent  
in assisting the Community Crime Prevention program



Community Crime Prevention  
Neighborhood Organizer

Mayor

Police Chief

Certificate



of Award

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

This Certifies That

Uano White

Has earned special recognition and is hereby granted this Certificate of Award for

Speaking at the Second Annual WIPOG Black Club Convention

In Witness Whereof our signatures are hereby affixed.

Given this 18<sup>th</sup> Day of May Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-four

Quavis

Jules Beck



*The Inaugural Committee  
requests the honor of your presence  
and participation in the Inauguration of*

*Jimmy Carter*

*as President of the United States of America  
and*

*Walter Mondale*

*as Vice President of the United States of America  
on Thursday the twentieth of January  
one thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven  
in the City of Washington*

# Certificate of Award

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

This Certifies That

Van White

Has earned special recognition and is hereby granted this Certificate of Award for

contributing to the Hall School carnival

In Witness Whereof our signatures are hereby affixed.

Given this 4th Day of June Nineteen Hundred and eighty  
Principal

*Wm*

Jim Clardy Jr

14209 Park Ave So

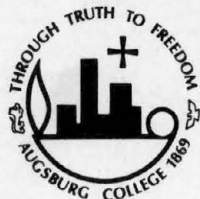
Burnsville 55337

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# AUGSBURG COLLEGE



## BLACK STUDENT UNION

Presents this certificate of recognition to

*Alderman Van White*

For Participation

in the Annual Black History Month Program

Awarded MARCH 28, 1981 in Minneapolis, Minnesota

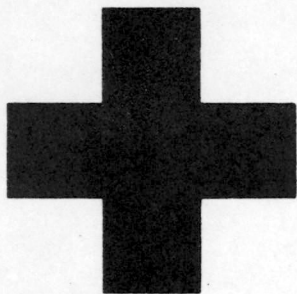
Robert M. Clark

Coordinator, Black Student Affairs

Richard Green

Vice President for Academic Affairs

# CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION



**American  
Red Cross**

This certificate is presented to

MR. VAN WHITE

for outstanding volunteer service in  
Minneapolis Area Chapter, American Red Cross

*Date* AUGUST 1, 1981

*Chairman*

*Barbara D. Joffe*

# Minnesota Law

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE SIGNING OF HOUSE FILE 2224

This bill, known as the Rent Collected on Condemned Property Bill was passed by the Minnesota Legislature in April 1988 and was signed into law by Governor Rudy Perpich on April 14, 1988, in St. Paul.

This bill states that a Landlord, or any person acting under the Landlords direction may not accept rent or a security deposit for residential rental property from a tenant after the leased premises have been condemned or declared unfit for human habitation by state or local authority

Van F White

Witness

Karen Clark

Witness

Sandra Hilary

Witness

Richard P. [Signature]

Witness

Don [Signature]

Tony [Signature]

Robert Vanasek

Robert E. Vanasek

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Jerome M. Hughes

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President of the Senate

Edward A. Burdick

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Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Patrick E. Flahaven

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Secretary of the Senate

Rudy Perpich

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Governor of the State of Minnesota

# Certificate of Appreciation

VAN WHITE

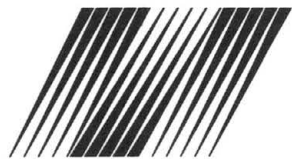
*is awarded this certificate in appreciation of notable  
contributions to*

P&E Construction - Doing an outstanding job

*Our sincere gratitude and thanks*

*This* 22nd *day of* December, 19 88.

*Signed* Ruby Eddens



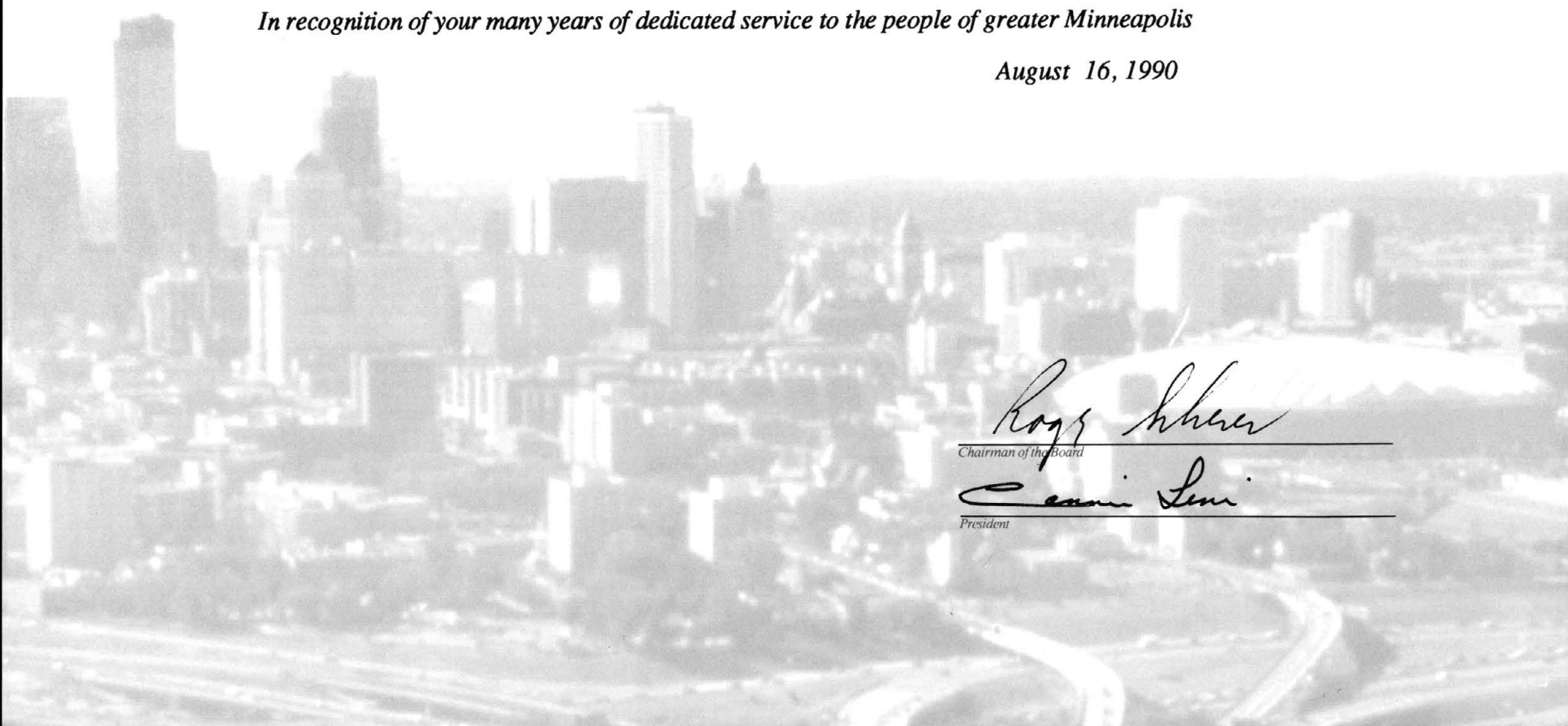
*Greater Minneapolis  
Chamber of Commerce*

*Presented to*

**Van White**

*In recognition of your many years of dedicated service to the people of greater Minneapolis*

*August 16, 1990*



*Roy Sherr*  
Chairman of the Board

*Cecilia Lemi*  
President

RESOLUTION

POLICE OFFICERS FEDEATION OF MINNEAPOLIS  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN  
CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

WHEREAS, The eight hundred and fifty (850) Police Officers in the City of Minneapolis truly appreciate the work Van White has done on their behalf; and

WHEREAS, The Minneapolis Police Officers feel there are no words to express their gratitude for all that Van White has done for them during the years; and

WHEREAS, I, Allen Berryman, Police Officers Federation of Minneapolis President, have grown up and lived within the Minneapolis area all of my life, believe that everyone owes Van White their heartfelt thanks for being the inspiration for African Americans to seek election to City, County and State positions; and

WHEREAS, What Van White has done for all people of color should never be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, Those of us who have had the opportunity to know Van White will always consider him a friend; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That at the Van White Recognition Dinner held this 19th day of September, 1992, we, the Minneapolis Police Officers want to say THANK YOU, VAN WHITE for the many years of dedication and support to the Law Enforcement Officers in the City of Minneapolis.

Signed and dated this 17th day of September, 1992.



President Allen L. Berryman, and  
Board of Directors

Police Officers Federation of Minneapolis



## Board of County Commissioners Hennepin County

Congratulates

*Van White*

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For a life of dedicated  
service to the citizens of the  
City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County.



*Judy Makowske*

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Judy Makowske  
Commissioner, 6th District

September 19, 1992

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The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Sandra Hilary, seconded by Commissioners Opat, Andrew, McLaughlin, Johnson, Keefe and Staples:

*WHEREAS*, former Minneapolis City Council Member Van F. White ably served the Fifth Ward from 1980 to 1990, giving dedicated and committed service to the people he represented; and

*WHEREAS*, Mr. White worked hard during those years to make the City of Minneapolis a better place to live, being uniquely instrumental in assisting in the economic development of the city and especially of his ward; and

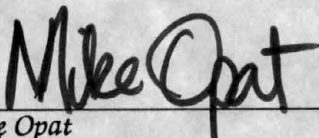
*WHEREAS*, Mr. White broke new ground as the first African-American member of the Minneapolis City Council, and as a policy maker he listened with care and considered decisions fairly; and

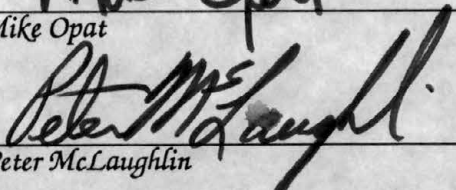
*WHEREAS*, Mr. White prided himself on being a lifelong student who was an advocate for ensuring that all persons had the dignity of an education, good housing and a job; and

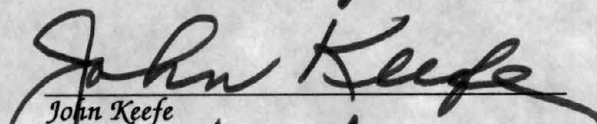
*WHEREAS*, Mr. White served the public diligently and with distinction, saying once: "If I have helped just one somebody, then my life and my living have not been in vain."

*BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners mourns the passing of Van F. White on July 14, 1993, expresses its sympathy to Mr. White's family and friends, and celebrates a life that was, indeed, not lived in vain.

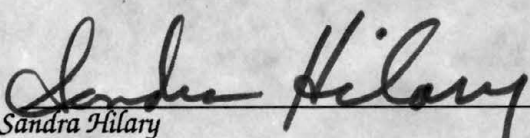
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

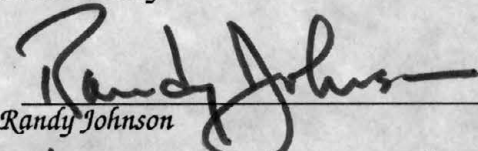
  
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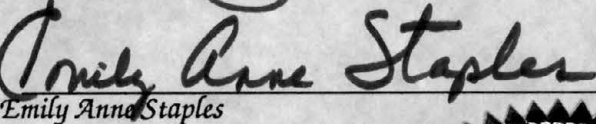
  
Peter McLaughlin

  
John Keefe

  
Mark Andrew, Chair

  
Sandra Hilary

  
Randy Johnson

  
Emily Anna Staples





United States  
of America

# Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 103<sup>d</sup> CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

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## Senate

### TRIBUTE TO THE LATE COUNCIL MEMBER VAN WHITE

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to a dedicated public servant. With the passing of Van White, former Minneapolis Council member, the city has lost one of its distinguished political leaders. As Minneapolis' first African-American council member, Van White served with dedication. He fought hard for and enthusiastically devoted himself to the city he loved.

While representing the fifth ward during his 10 years as a council member, Mr. White worked hard to develop industry and jobs on the near north side of Minneapolis. He devoted his efforts to promoting economic development including a Target store, housing projects, new schools, and parks.

Van learned early about hard work and achieving one's goals. Growing up in poverty, he was 10 years old when his father died, leaving him with the responsibility of heading up a household of five children. He went on to graduate from Patrick Henry High School and worked as a construction laborer. Prior to running for public office, Van worked for about 25 years for the Minnesota Department of Economic Security as an employment interviewer and office manager. In 1971 he helped to found the Willard-Homewood Organization. He was involved in several community organizations and helped to develop a park and community center.

When he ran for the city council in 1979 it was not to break the color barrier but to help make Minneapolis a better place to live. White's bust was recently unveiled at the Minneapolis City Hall. It bears the inscription, "If I have helped just one somebody, then my life and my living have not been in vain." This is what we will remember about Van, that his life was not in vain.

Admired and loved by family, friends, and colleagues, I extend my deepest sympathies to his wife, Javanese, his son Perri, his daughter Javoni and his granddaughter Kapria. Van White leaves a rich legacy of contributions to the city of Minneapolis. We will all miss this dynamic individual.

*Senator  
Paul Wellstone*