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Charleston County Council Chambers Named for Beverly T. Craven

Council votes to name its chambers after Craven, who has served as Clerk of Council for 23 years

On Wednesday, Sept. 29, <u>Charleston County Council</u> honored Clerk of Council Beverly T. Craven by having Council members and her coworkers, friends and family members present to see her name and photo, now permanently hanging on the walls inside the chambers.

During a regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 7, <u>Charleston County Council</u> voted to name its meeting room the Beverly T. Craven Council Chambers after Craven, who has served as the <u>Clerk of Council</u> since 1987.

"This is the least we could do to show our appreciation and support for all she has done over the years," said <u>Charleston County Council Chairman Teddie E. Pryor, Sr.</u>

Craven, 77, lives in downtown Charleston and has served 37 different elected members of Charleston County Council during her tenure as Clerk of Council.

"When I first learned about what was going to happen, I couldn't believe it. I was tickled, giggly and so proud and happy that something like this could be happening," Craven said. "In the 23 years I have been here, God has given me 37 wonderful 'babies' to love and care for, and I'm very grateful to have had them in my life."

Kristen Salisbury, Deputy Clerk of Charleston County Council, who has worked with Craven for nine years, also was pleased about the renaming of Council's chambers.

"There is no more fitting honor for Mrs. Craven than to have Council's Chambers named after her," Salisbury said.

Previously, County Council recognized Craven with a resolution in July of 2007 after learning she had been named the 2007 Outstanding Older Worker of the Year. The recognition came from Experience Works, a national charitable organization with a mission of improving the lives of older people through employment, community service and training.

Craven is a member of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, the Hat Ladies of Charleston, the Concert Association, the Low Country Women's Center, the Palmetto Cabinet, the South Carolina Clerks to Council Association, and formerly served on the South Carolina Commission on Women. She also represents Charleston Country Council on the Low Country Senior Center Board and the Community Pride Board.

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