



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY

# Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION OF

## UNITY COMMUNITY CENTER OF S. J. INC UNIVERSAL MUSICAL LOVE JAM

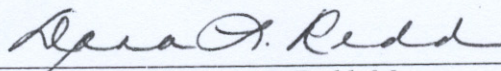
*WHEREAS, on Wednesday, August 3, 2011 Unity Community Center of S. J. Inc, presents Universal Musical Love Jam, the music within the African Diaspora, Africa, Caribbean Islands and South & North America; and*

*WHEREAS, Unity Community's Mission is "Save the Children through Developmental & Discipline Programs." Unity community center of S. J. Inc., in a non-profit organization that promotes, preserves and represents the performing arts, literary arts, visual and creative arts, history and culture; and*

*WHEREAS, Unity Community Center has served more than 12,000 children. They provide a unique opportunity to economically disadvantaged and young at risk children who reside in Camden County. Their programs reinforce a positive self-esteem and self-determination among underserved children through performing arts and varies academic and life skill programs; and*

*WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the Office of the Mayor honor those esteemed individuals and organizations who genuinely contribute to the enrichment of the City of Camden through their dedicated public service;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dana L. Redd, Mayor of the City of Camden, do hereby honor and recognize Unity Community Center of S.J. Inc., on their presentation of the Universal Musical Love Jam and I extend best wishes and continued success in all their future endeavors.*

  
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Honorable Dana L. Redd, Mayor  
Wednesday, August 3, 2011





Office of the Mayor  
Camden, New Jersey

# Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION OF

*Robert H. Dickerson*

WHEREAS, on Saturday, December 4, 2010, Robert H. Dickerson will be honored by Women Two Thousand One Committee during their 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Jazz Brunch event for his contributions in the Camden community; and

WHEREAS, the Women Two Thousand One Committee strives to unite and improve the City of Camden by focusing on promoting educational, political, and community reforms that enhance the quality of life for all Camden City residents. Through their organization, they encourage community involvement and volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, Robert Dickerson has dedicated his life to improving the quality of life for many inner city children. As a Grand Master Black Belt martial arts teacher, he understands the importance of providing children with a creative outlet to help them succeed. With his wife Wanda, he founded the Unity Community Center, which provides performing arts programs such as the Universal African Dance & Drum Ensemble, and the Universal Pasha Karate School, as well as provides a safe haven for young people to go afterschool. Mr. Dickerson has motivated hundreds of young children and their families to strive for greatness and expect more out of life;

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the Office of the Mayor and the City of Camden honor those individuals and organizations who have contributed to the enrichment of their community through their service and projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dana L. Redd, Mayor of the City of Camden, do hereby recognize and congratulate Robert H. Dickerson and I wish him continued success.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dana L. Redd", is written over a horizontal line.

Honorable Dana L. Redd, Mayor  
Saturday, December 4, 2010



Office of the Mayor  
Camden, New Jersey

# Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION OF

*Wanda D. Dickerson*

WHEREAS, on Saturday, December 4, 2010, Wanda A. Dickerson will be honored by Women Two Thousand One Committee during their 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Jazz Brunch event for her contributions in the Camden community; and

WHEREAS, the Women Two Thousand One Committee strides to unite and improve the City of Camden by focusing on promoting educational, political and community reforms that enhance the quality of life for all Camden City residents. Through their organization, they encourage community involvement and volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, Wanda A. Dickerson has been a positive influence in the Camden City community for many years. As co-founder of the Universal African Dance & Drum Ensemble, she has been instrumental in guiding and molding the future of many young people in the City of Camden through dance. Mrs. Dickerson who, owns and operates Jana's Unique Hair Salon, leaves her shop to come to the City of Camden and teach various dance classes, such as African Dance, Interpretive Dance, Line Dancing, and Aerobic Dance. She also designs the dance costumes the students wear for their performances; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the Office of the Mayor and the City of Camden honor those individuals and organizations who have contributed to the enrichment of their community through their service and projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dana L. Redd, Mayor of the City of Camden, do hereby recognize and congratulate Wanda A. Dickerson and I wish her continued success.

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Honorable Dana L. Redd, Mayor  
Saturday, December 4, 2010

# County of Camden

# Proclamation

## Whereas...

it is the desire of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Camden to recognize those individuals who dedicate their time and energy to the improvement of the community; and

## Whereas...

Robert Dickerson is the founder of the Unity Community Center of South Jersey; he is a ninth-degree Grand Master Black Belt who believes strongly in programs that develop self-discipline, moral character, cultural awareness and cultural pride; and

## Whereas...

along with his wife Wanda, Robert is the founder and CEO of the Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble; he also created UPK Pasha Generals, a military style close order drill team; this world champion team puts on dynamic presentations for drug and crime prevention and is dedicated to spreading the message of love and discipline to the young people in the inner cities of this country; and

## Whereas...

since the age of fourteen, Robert has been a youth leader in church and a member of African-American organizations dedicated to helping and uplifting inner city youth throughout the country; he and his wife Wanda have raised four children: Jamal, Nasir, Atiya and Ayanna, but they have been responsible for the well-being of many more; and

## Whereas...

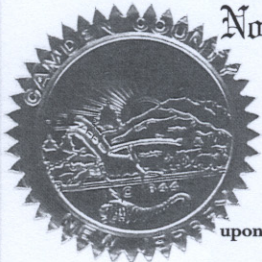
Robert is being duly honored by Women Two Thousand One at their 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Jazz Brunch for his continued participation in the community;

## Now, Therefore...

the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Camden does hereby thank

**ROBERT DICKERSON**  
*Unity Community Center of South Jersey*  
*Founder*

upon this honor, and does urge the citizens of the County of Camden to join in applauding him.



*L. Cappelli Jr.*  
LOUIS CAPPELLI, JR.  
Freeholder Director

*Edward T. McDonnell*  
EDWARD T. MCDONNELL  
Freeholder Deputy Director

*Riletta Cream*  
RILETTA CREAM  
Freeholder

*Jeffrey L. Nash*  
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*Rodney A. Greco*  
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*Carmen G. Rodriguez*  
CARMEN G. RODRIGUEZ  
Freeholder

*Ian K. Leonard*  
IAN K. LEONARD  
Freeholder

Given under our hands and the Seal of the County of Camden,  
this fourth day of December, two thousand ten.

# County of Camden

# Proclamation

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## Whereas...

Wanda Dickerson and her husband Robert are the founders of the Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble, one of the best and most exciting professional African dance and drum ensembles in the country; the ensemble's members have many styles and types of uniforms and costumes, which are made by Wanda from traditional African design, completing the cultural experience; and

## Whereas...

costume designer, dancer, business owner and more, Wanda serves as a mentor and teacher to those in her community, especially the females; she attended college, business and technical schools, and encourages others to follow her lead; she networks, teaches and performs throughout the US, Africa and the Caribbean and is a true jack of many trades; she also owns and operates Jana's Unique Hair Salon; and

## Whereas...

the Unity Community Center of Camden, New Jersey was founded by Wanda's husband in 1984; it is through this organization that Wanda and Robert reach the community's youth through many performing arts programs including their ensemble; the couple has raised four children: Jamal, Nasir, Atiya and Ayanna; and

## Whereas...

Wanda is being duly honored by Women Two Thousand One at their 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Jazz Brunch for her continued participation in the community;

## Now, Therefore...

the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Camden does hereby congratulate

**WANDA DICKERSON**  
*Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble*  
*Co-Founder*

upon this honor, and does urge the citizens of the County of Camden to join in applauding her.



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# State of New Jersey



## THE SENATE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N. J.

### JOINT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

By Senator NORCROSS and Assemblymen WILSON and FUENTES

**WHEREAS**, Robert H. Dickerson, a highly esteemed resident of the Garden State, is being honored and saluted by Women Two Thousand One during the organization's annual Jazz Brunch on December 4, 2010, at Auletto's Catering in Almonesson; and,

**WHEREAS**, This prestigious accolade is bestowed upon Robert H. Dickerson in grateful recognition of his remarkable record of community leadership, exemplary volunteerism, and professional achievement; and,

**WHEREAS**, Accomplished in the martial arts, Robert H. Dickerson is the founder of the Unity Community Center of South Jersey Inc. where he educates Camden youth and residents in African-American history, dance, drum, Karate and Kick-Boxing, and community development programs; and,

**WHEREAS**, Robert H. Dickerson, who has been recognized with an array of awards and inductions into various Halls of Fame, has created the Universal Pasha Karate School and its world champion UPK Pasha Generals and the Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble; and,

**WHEREAS**, The strength and success of the State of New Jersey, the vitality of its communities, and the effectiveness of our American society depend, in great measure, upon concerned and dedicated citizens, exemplified by Robert H. Dickerson; and,

**WHEREAS**, Robert H. Dickerson has been upheld in his life's endeavors by his wife, Wanda, and his children, Jamal, Nasir, Atiya, and Ayanna, and he takes especial delight in his grandchildren; and,

**WHEREAS**, Within all the spheres of his life and work, Robert H. Dickerson has established a model to emulate and set a standard of excellence toward which others might strive; now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

That this Legislature hereby honors and congratulates Robert H. Dickerson, joins in commending his meritorious record of service, leadership, and commitment, and extends best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors; and,

*Be It Further Resolved*, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the Senate President and the Assembly Speaker and attested by the Senate Secretary and the Assembly Clerk, be transmitted to Robert H. Dickerson.

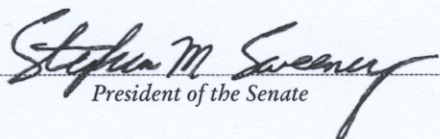
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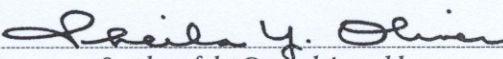


Kent M. Hicks  
Secretary of the Senate



Dana M. Burley  
Clerk of the General Assembly

  
President of the Senate

  
Speaker of the General Assembly

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**WHEREAS**, Wanda A. Dickerson has lent her expertise as the owner and operator of Jana's Unique Hair Salon in Lindenwold since 1995 and as the Vice President of International Affairs and Head Director of the Performing Arts Program at the Unity Community Center in Camden since 1984; and,

**WHEREAS**, An accomplished dancer, costume designer, and martial artist, Wanda A. Dickerson is also the co-founder of the Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble and an African cultural wedding coordinator; and,

**WHEREAS**, The strength and success of the State of New Jersey, the vitality of its communities, and the effectiveness of our American society depend, in great measure, upon concerned and dedicated citizens, exemplified by Wanda A. Dickerson; and,

**WHEREAS**, Wanda A. Dickerson has been upheld in her life's endeavors by her husband, Robert, and her children, Jamal, Nasir, Atiya, and Ayanna, and she takes especial delight in her grandchildren; and,

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Attest:



Kent M. Hicks  
Secretary of the Senate



Dana M. Burley  
Clerk of the General Assembly

*Stephen M. Sweeney*  
President of the Senate

*Leslie Y. Oliver*  
Speaker of the General Assembly

City Council of  
Camden, New Jersey

# COMMENDATION

Honoring

*Robert H. Dickerson*

By Women 2001 at their 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Jazz Brunch

WHEREAS, Women 2001 is an organization of Women who are residents of Camden County that have come together and organized to bring a change in Camden City. They are actively involved in the political and educational processes within Camden City; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, December 4, 2010, Robert H. Dickerson will be honored by Women 2001 at their 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Jazz Brunch for his outstanding community involvement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dickerson grew up in Darby PA, then in 1975 moved to Camden NJ with his wife Wanda Dickerson where they had four beautiful children. Mr. Dickerson who holds a 9<sup>th</sup> Degree Grand Master Black Belt has been training and studying martial Arts (Karate) and Boxing since 1968. He is the founder of Unity Community Center of South Jersey where he teaches various programs that develops self-discipline, moral character, cultural awareness and cultural pride. Mr. Dickerson has been internationally recognized by three major Karate magazines by his winning team called the Youth Karate Team Championship and producing the #1 Junior Karate Kumite Team in the USA at a A-rated Karate tournament. He has developed over 34 local, regional, and national Karate & Kick -Boxing Champions. He created and developed the World Champion UPK Pasha Generals, one of the Best Military-Style Close Order Drill team; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Camden that it joins with Women 2001 in paying tribute to Robert H. Dickerson for his involvement, passion and commitment to the community.

On Request of:

*Curtis Jenkins-Councilperson-at-Large*

*Deborah Person-Polk- Councilperson-at Large*

*Marilyn Torres-Councilperson-at Large*

*Dana M. Burley-Councilperson- 1<sup>st</sup> Ward*

*William W. Spearman-Councilperson-2<sup>nd</sup> Ward*

*Luis A. Lopez, PH.D-Councilperson-4<sup>th</sup> Ward*

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

*Francisco Moran*  
Francisco "Frank" Moran, President

ATTEST: *Luis Pastoriza*  
Luis Pastoriza, Municipal Clerk

DATE: December 4, 2010



City Council of  
Camden, New Jersey

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WHEREAS, Ms. Dickerson born, raised and educated in the City of Philadelphia spending much of her childhood in the business professional environment leading her to be a business woman in 1995 by owning her own hair salon. In 1975 Mrs. Dickerson moved to the City of Camden with her husband Robert Dickerson and was blessed with four beautiful children. Wanda remains a treasure to the community by being a true mentor, advisor and a teacher to the community. Mrs. Dickerson is currently the Vice-President of International Affairs and Head Director for the UCC Performing Arts Program at the Unity Community Center in the City of Camden. Wanda has been networking, teaching and performing throughout the United States and other countries sharing her valuable talents. She is the co-founder and the costume designer and maker of the Universal African Dance & Drum Ensemble. Aside from teaching a multitude of dances she is also a professional wedding coordinator and planner in cultural weddings and receptions. Last but not least, she holds a 6<sup>th</sup> Degree Master Black Belt in Karate; now, therefore

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*Francisco Moran*  
Francisco "Frank" Moran, President

ATTEST: *Luis Pastoriza*  
Luis Pastoriza, Municipal Clerk

DATE: December 4, 2010

City Council of

Camden, New Jersey

# RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING

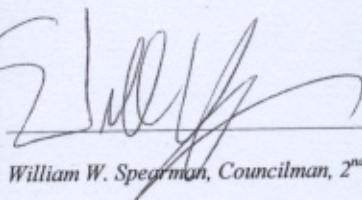
## *Unity Community Center*

WHEREAS, Unity Community Center has served more than 12,000 children with hands-on visual, performing arts, Martial arts, leadership development and life skills. Unity Community Center provides children with a safe, supervised environment where they can freely and creatively express their creativity in a caravan of discipline, cultural, and music workshops and classes

WHEREAS, Unity Community Center strives to provide a safe, supervised alternative to the streets, where participants can freely express their creativity through performing arts, martial art and life skills; give participants a chance to make a positive, successful contribution to their community through a public performance and/or workshops, educate the community about the talent and potential the participants possess. Encourage teens to consider educational teachings and the arts as a career path and/or a constructive recreational outlet; and

WHEREAS, The Unity Community Center provided a unique opportunity to economically disadvantage and young children at-risk who reside in Camden County our programs reinforce a positive self-esteem and self-determination among underserved children through performing arts and varies academic and life skill programs. Children and youth are trained in Martial Arts, Dance, Drumming, Music, and Academic preparation, Leadership and Life. Children and youth get the opportunity to perform all throughout the year at varies community festivals, school events, Etc they also get television/broadcast exposure.

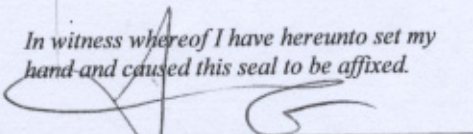
WHEREAS, their vision is to provide an effective alternative to idleness, vandalism, school truancy, drug use and gang-related activities through Performing Art, educational, discipline, cultural and enrichment programming and their goal of our program is to train and assist children and youth; to pursue further education in dance, theatre and performing arts support vocations. It is our goal to make a difference in their communication, expressive behavior, and socialization and life skills. Following these improvements an increase of academics is also expected to occur. The students will be more disciplined in their approach to everyday life whether it is academically or personally. If they do not enter a performing arts profession, they will at least have the skills of working collectively, problem solving and maintain physical fitness

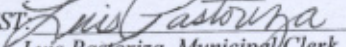


William W. Spearman, Councilman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward



In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

  
Francisco "Frank" Moran, President

ATTEST:   
Luis Pastoriza, Municipal Clerk

DATE: June 15, 2010



Office of the Mayor  
Camden, New Jersey

# Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION OF

## *Unity Community Center*

*WHEREAS, on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, Unity Community Center will be honored by the City of Camden for their dedication and commitment in helping the residents of the City of Camden; and*

*WHEREAS, under the leadership of Robert H. Dickerson, the Unity Community Center was founded in 1983 as a non-profit to help at risk children through educational, recreational and development programs. The Unity Community Center encourages academic excellence, self worth and respect. They also seek to reestablish the importance of family values through their Martial Arts Program and their African Dance Group and Drum Ensemble; and*

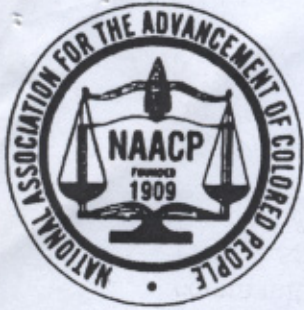
*WHEREAS, the Unity Community Center involvement of inner-city youth in the arts, after-school education and discipline programs has resulted in the Unity Community Center of S.J. Inc to become a dynamic model for leadership development; and*

*WHEREAS, Parkside Business and Community in Partnership's efforts have supported neighborhood stability and improved the quality of life for individuals and families in the City of Camden;*

*Now, Therefore, I, Dana L. Redd, Mayor of the City of Camden, do hereby recognize the contributions made by Unity Community Center to improve the quality of life for the residents of the City of Camden through partnership and dialogue with City, County and State officials, and I wish them continued success in their future endeavors.*

Honorable Dana L. Redd, Mayor

Tuesday, June 15, 2010



**CAMDEN COUNTY EAST BRANCH NAACP**  
P.O. Box 53 ♦ LAWNSIDE, NJ 08045 ♦ (856) 547-7572

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February 3, 2009

Robert & Wanda Dickerson  
Unity Community Center  
1544 Mt. Ephraim Ave  
Camden, NJ 08104

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Dickerson:

I am thrilled to inform you that you have been nominated to be a recipient of our "**2009 Visionary Leader Award**" for your commitment and dedication to the youth of our community. Your dedicated commitment to our community has not gone unnoticed. In part because of you many of our youth are now living very productive lives and our community has become a better place to live.

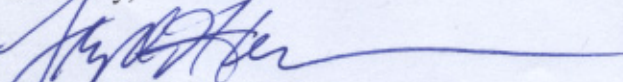
The Camden County East NAACP recognizes outstanding achievement in our community and honors them at our Freedom Awards. The 2009 Awards will be held on Friday, April 17, 2009 from 6:30pm to 10:30 pm at the Quality Inn, Grand Versailles Banquet & Conference Facility, 531 Route 38 West, Maple Shade, New Jersey 08052.

Please contact me at the above address or via email ([ldhend@hotmail.com](mailto:ldhend@hotmail.com)) by February 12, 2009 to confirm whether you will accept our 2009 Visionary Award. I will be delighted to give you more information at that time as to the details of the event.

I hope that you will accept our award for your great work and look forward to seeing you on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Again, on behalf of our Branch, I congratulate you on your outstanding work.

Sincerely,



Lloyd D. Henderson, Esq.  
President

# State of New Jersey



STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N.J.

## JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMENDATION

By Senator REDD, Assembly Speaker ROBERTS and Assemblywoman CRUZ-PEREZ

**WHEREAS**, Senator Dana L. Redd and Assembly Speaker Joseph J. Roberts, Jr. and Assemblywoman Nilsa Cruz-Perez, as the duly elected representatives of the 5th Legislative District, are pleased to honor and congratulate

### UNITY COMMUNITY AFRICAN DANCE GROUP and DRUM ENSEMBLE

**WHEREAS**, on Thursday, February 19, 2009, the **Unity Community African Dance Group and Drum Ensemble** will perform at Camden City Hall in honor of Black History Month February 19, 2009.

**WHEREAS**, under the leadership of Robert H. Dickerson, the **Unity Community African Dance Group and Drum Ensemble** has helped many young children in the African American Community learn their heritage, songs, and dances as well as encourage them to keep their heritage alive in their communities. Their representation of the beauty of African Culture and family has given them an opportunity to be seen as national and international ambassadors for young people everywhere; and

**WHEREAS**, the positive examples set by the performers of the **Unity Community African Dance Group and Drum Ensemble** have been an inspiration to many in our Community; and

**WHEREAS**, it is altogether proper and fitting for the members of the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey to pause in their deliberation to praise **Unity Community African Dance Group and Drum Ensemble** for their positive contributions, through example, action and hard work to the African - American community as we celebrate Black History Month

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DANA L. REDD

Senator

Handwritten signature of Joseph J. Roberts, Jr. in black ink, written over a dashed horizontal line.

JOSEPH J. ROBERTS, JR.

Speaker of the General Assembly

Handwritten signature of Nilsa Cruz-Perez in black ink, written over a dashed horizontal line.

NILSA CRUZ-PEREZ

Member of the General Assembly

City Council of  
Camden, New Jersey

# COMMENDATION

HONORING

*Unity Community African Dance Group*  
&  
*Drum Ensemble*

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WHEREAS, the positive examples set by the performers of the Unity Community African Dance Group and Drum Ensemble have been an inspiration to many in our community; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate from time to time that this City Council of the City of Camden honor those individuals who have made positive contributions, through example, action and hard work to the African -American community; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Camden that it hereby commends Unity Community African Dance Group and Drum Ensemble on their accomplishments as we celebrate Black History Month.

On Request of:

Dana L. Redd, Vice-President

Dana L. Burley, Councilwoman-1<sup>st</sup> Ward

Curtis Jenkins, Councilman-at-Large

Francisco Moran, Councilman - 5<sup>th</sup> Ward

William Spearman, Councilman- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward

Gilbert "Whip" Wilson, Councilman-at-Large



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*Angel Fuentes*  
Angel Fuentes, President

WITNESS *Luis Pastoriza*  
Luis Pastoriza, Municipal Clerk

DATE: February 19, 2009



**New Jersey Department of State  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission**

This Certificate of Appreciation is presented to

*Universal African Dance & Drum Ensemble*

for helping make the  
Annual King Holiday Commemorative Celebration  
on January 14, 2007 such a success.

*Nina Mitchell Wells*

Nina Mitchell Wells, Esq.  
Secretary of State  
New Jersey Department of State  
January 14, 2007

*Judith P. Fenelus*

Judith P. Fenelus  
Executive Director  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission  
January 14, 2007

City Council of  
*Camden, New Jersey*  
**COMMENDATION**

presented to  
*Unity Community Center*

WHEREAS, the Unity Community Center celebrates 22 years of community service at their 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Award Fundraising Banquet. The Center over the years has helped at-risk communities and surrounding communities through educational, recreational, developmental programs and the performing arts; and

WHEREAS, the Center's focus to educate and empower youth with the opportunity to experience feelings of self worth, achievement, confidence, and discipline, which are fundamental to success is displayed through the various students and individuals working with the Center; and

WHEREAS, this City Council of the City of Camden fully supports and encourages all neighborhood organizations to contribute to the improvement of the quality of life in Camden City; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Camden that it hereby commends Unity Community Center on its efforts for the benefit of Camden's residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27BBB-23, a true copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Chief Operating Officer, who shall have ten (10) days from the receipt thereof to approve or veto this Resolution. Notice of approval or veto shall be filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk.



*In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed*

*Angel Fuentes, President*

ATTEST:

*Luis Pastoreza, Municipal Clerk*

DATE: November 19, 2006



# Certificate of Recognition

Presented to  
**Unity Community Center**

WHEREAS, the Unity Community Center celebrates 22 years of Community Service at their 16th Annual Award Fund-Raising Banquet; and

WHEREAS, the Unity Community Center over the years has prided itself in helping at-risk communities and surrounding communities through educational, recreational, developmental programs and the performing arts; and

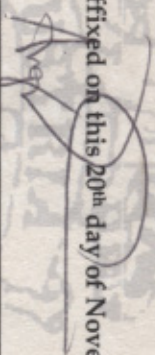
WHEREAS, their focus to educate and empower the youth with the opportunity to experience feelings of Self Worth, Achievement, Confidence, and Discipline, which are fundamentals to success is displayed through the various students and individuals working with the Unity Community Center; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate from time to time that this City Council of the City of Camden honor those distinguished organizations that greatly contribute to the enrichment of Camden, its communities and its residents; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Camden that it hereby commends the Unity Community Center for its hard work and dedicated efforts in service to the community and youth of Camden City.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2005

ATTEST:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Luis Pastoriza, Municipal Clerk

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Angel Fuentes, President

**GRANDMASTER ROBERT DICKERSON - MARTIAL ARTS WEEK**  
**September 8-10, 2005**

**WHEREAS:** The **MARTIAL ARTS** are an ancient discipline that is flourishing in modern times. Generations of **MARTIAL ARTS** masters have taught this art form and its techniques. Now some of the greatest masters are bringing their art to Newark; and

**WHEREAS:** The **MARTIAL ARTS** teach its students many life lessons and important values: honor, dedication, discipline, conditioning, effort, teamwork, respect, and non-violence. The **MARTIAL ARTS** empower those who study them with mental and physical strength; and

**WHEREAS:** Newark and the First Class Championship Development Center are holding a National **MARTIAL ARTS** Multi-Discipline Extravaganza and reunion of **MARTIAL ARTS** Grand Masters and Masters, as part of its *Help Save Our Children Campaign*, to celebrate these traditions and bring them to our residents, with displays and exhibitions; and

**WHEREAS:** **ROBERT DICKERSON**, a ninth-degree Black Belt, teaches **MARTIAL ARTS** in Camden and South Jersey. He has also written books on the subject, won boxing titles, and is a member of five **MARTIAL ARTS** Halls of Fame; and

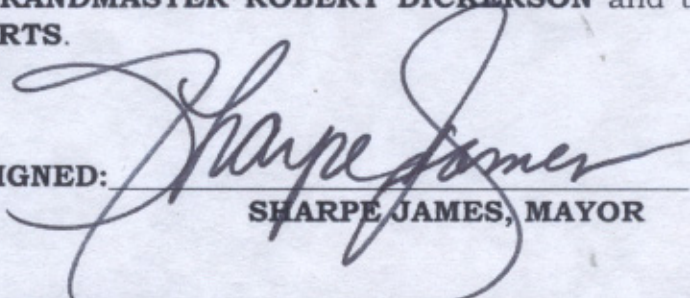
**WHEREAS:** As Mayor of Newark, New Jersey, I salute **GRANDMASTER ROBERT DICKERSON** for his dedication to the **MARTIAL ARTS** and our city's youth, and everyone organizing and attending the National **MARTIAL ARTS** Multi-Discipline Extravaganza this weekend at Essex County College, and wish them a joyous and memorable weekend.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHARPE JAMES, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY,** do hereby proclaim September 8-10, 2005, as:

**GRANDMASTER ROBERT DICKERSON - MARTIAL ARTS WEEK**

in the City of Newark, and I urge all residents, employees, and visitors to join me in this special tribute to **GRANDMASTER ROBERT DICKERSON** and the **MARTIAL ARTS**.

**SIGNED:**

  
**SHARPE JAMES, MAYOR**



# New Jersey General Assembly



STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N. J.

## ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION By Assemblymen CONAWAY and CONNERS

**WHEREAS**, The General Assembly of the State of New Jersey is pleased to join the Board of Directors of the Afro-One Dance, Drama and Drum Theatre Inc. in honoring three outstanding individuals, Robert Dickerson, Paul Stephenson, and Dr. Patricia Reid-Merritt, during the Thirtieth Anniversary Jazz Brunch Gala at Cafe Gallery in Burlington on October 2, 2004; and,

**WHEREAS**, Robert Dickerson of the Unity Community Center of South Jersey, Paul Stephenson of the Willingboro Township Council, and Dr. Patricia Reid-Merritt, founder and Artistic Director of Afro-One, will be recognized during this auspicious occasion; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Afro-One Dance, Drama and Drum Theatre Inc. is an outstanding African-American community-based arts organization that has performed at schools, colleges, businesses, conferences, Kwanzaa celebrations, weddings, festivals, and community events in the Garden State, the Delaware Valley, and the Northeast region of the United States; and,

**WHEREAS**, The strength, quality, and success of the arts in the State of New Jersey depend, in great measure, upon outstanding organizations and supportive individuals, as exemplified by the Afro-One Dance, Drama and Drum Theatre Inc. and Robert Dickerson, Paul Stephenson, and Dr. Patricia Reid-Merritt; and,

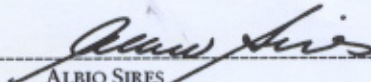
**WHEREAS**, It is altogether proper and fitting for this House to salute the Afro-One Dance, Drama and Drum Theatre Inc. and Robert Dickerson, Paul Stephenson, and Dr. Patricia Reid-Merritt; now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

That this House hereby honors and congratulates the Afro-One Dance, Drama and Drum Theatre Inc. in recognition of its Thirtieth Anniversary, pays tribute to Robert Dickerson, Paul Stephenson, and Dr. Patricia Reid-Merritt, and extends sincere best wishes for their continued success and vigor; and,

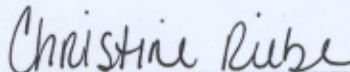
*Be It Further Resolved*, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution be signed by the Speaker and attested by the Clerk.



  
ALBIO SIRES

*Speaker of the General Assembly*

Attest:



CHRISTINE RIEBE

*Clerk of the General Assembly*



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CAMDEN  
CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION  
PRESENTED TO  
UNITY COMMUNITY CENTER  
AFRICAN STILT WALKERS, DRUMMERS AND  
DANCERS**

**For their participation in the 2004  
City of Camden Black History Month  
Celebration**

*Gwendolyn A. Faison*

**Gwendolyn A. Faison, Mayor  
February 27, 2004**

City Council of

Camden, New Jersey

# COMMENDATION

recognizing

## THE UNITY COMMUNITY CENTER

Whereas, The Unity Community Center ("UCC") is a non-profit organization comprised of a group of serious men and women who are concerned about the decline of Camden's communities; and

Whereas, the purpose of UCC is to focus on programs that will help Camden's communities reestablish the values of family life, improve character, educate and teach the basics that its youth need to survive and succeed against the difficulties of life that effect low income urban areas, all towards the goal of giving Camden's youth opportunities to experience feelings of Self Worth, Achievement, Confidence, and Discipline; and

Whereas, UCC will be holding its 13<sup>th</sup> Annual "Children, the Future" Awards Banquet, which is UCC's-primary event of the year for its members, family & friends, in celebration of 19 years of community service, on November 3, 2002 at the Clarion Hotel, Cherry Hill, NJ; and

Whereas, it is appropriate that from time to time that this City Council honor those community groups that assist in the positive development of the residents of Camden, particularly its youth, and their communities; now, therefore

Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Camden that it hereby commends The Unity Community Center for its positive development of Camden's residents, particularly its youth, and the communities they reside in.



*In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.*

*Angel Fuentes, President*

WITNESS: *Jason Asuncion*  
Jason Asuncion, Esq.

DATE: *November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2002*

Mr. Stewart



New Jersey

# Senate & General Assembly

Commendations and praise are extended to

Robert H. Dickerson

by the citizenry of the 5th New Jersey Legislative District,  
through their elected representatives,  
as a citizen of character, determination and enterprise whose  
efforts have brought pride and distinction to his community and  
this State and have earned his recognition as the recipient of the  
Hansung Hero Award from the Camden County Human  
Relations Commission.

Marjorie H. Ridgway, Esquire, Senator

Handwritten signature of Marjorie H. Ridgway in blue ink.

May 2, 2002

Nilsa Cruz-Perez, Member of the General Assembly

Joseph J. Roberts, Jr., Member of the General Assembly

Handwritten signature of Joseph J. Roberts, Jr. in blue ink.

Date

Member of the General Assembly



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

*Proclamation*

WHEREAS, New Jersey is recognized for the richly developed and proud tradition of volunteerism throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the breadth, depth, and diversity of New Jersey's volunteer programs enhances the quality of life for all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, volunteerism fosters a stronger community and promotes a deeper sense of common purpose; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2002, the Camden County Human Relations Commission will honor its "unsung heroes" who live, work and promote positive human relations without fanfare or acknowledgement; and

WHEREAS, the honorees include Marcia A. Atkinson, Tawfiq Barqawi, Dr. Melinda Contreras-Byrd, Edna J. Davis, Robert H. Dickerson, Ever Lee Hairston, Chief Brian D. Malloy, Kiritumar D. Patel, and Angela J. Washington-Bivans; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers exemplify the true meaning of volunteer service and we recognize the significant contributions these volunteers have made;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES E. MCGREEVEY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby pay special tribute to the

CAMDEN COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION VOLUNTEERS

and acknowledge their contribution to improving the quality of life in New Jersey through their dedication and commitment to volunteerism.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this eleventh day of March in the year of Our Lord two thousand two and of the Independence of the United States, the two hundred and twenty-sixth.

*James E. McGreevey*

GOVERNOR



BY THE GOVERNOR:

*Regena Thomas*

REGENA THOMAS,  
SECRETARY OF STATE



# Citation

**WHEREAS, THE CAMDEN COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION** is dedicated to developing positive relations, open communications and problem solving between various ethnic, racial and religious groups within the County of Camden; and

**WHEREAS, THE CAMDEN COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION** is paying tribute to nine individuals for their quiet strength and commitment to making the promise of America real for everyone; and

**WHEREAS, ROBERT H. DICKERSON**, is a professor of the Martial Arts who founded the Unity Community Center of South Jersey. The Center is the home of the African Dance Drum Ensemble. He spreads self-esteem and discipline using the dynamics of Martial Arts with young people; and

**WHEREAS, ROBERT H. DICKERSON** is being honored as one of **THE CAMDEN COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION'S** 2002 Unsung Heroes; and

**WHEREAS, THE CAMDEN COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION** is celebrating all of their 2002 honorees on Wednesday, March 20, 2002 at their First Annual Unsung Heroes Banquet.

**THEREFORE**, in presenting this citation to:

**ROBERT H. DICKERSON**  
**"THE QUIET STRENGTH OF UNSUNG HEROES"**

I, Jon S. Corzine, United States Senator, State of New Jersey, on behalf of the People of the State of New Jersey hereby congratulate you for your contributions to and efforts on behalf of the people of the State of New Jersey.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon S. Corzine", written over a horizontal line.

**JON S. CORZINE**  
United States Senator  
New Jersey

Dated: March 15, 2002





Senator Robert G. Torricelli

NEW JERSEY

*Certificate of Special  
Congressional Recognition  
Presented to*

Mr. Robert H. Dickerson

In recognition of your invaluable service to the community.

March 20, 2002

Date

Bob Torricelli

Member of the United States Senate

ROBERT G. TORRICELLI  
NEW JERSEY

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March 20, 2002

Mr. Robert H. Dickerson  
c/o Camden County Human Relations Commission  
Courthouse, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
520 Market Street  
Camden, New Jersey 08102

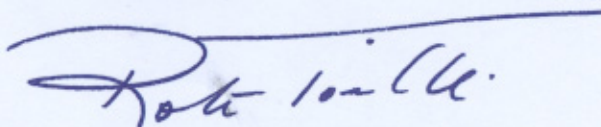
Dear Mr. Dickerson:

It is an honor and a pleasure to recognize you as one of the "Unsung Heroes" at the first annual Camden County Human Relations Commission recognition banquet. Your dedication to the area through your youth center, the Unity Community Center of South Jersey, Inc. is truly praiseworthy and a tremendous asset to the region.

I take special pride in recognizing the service and accomplishments of unique individuals and pledge my continued support. As a public servant, I have found it rewarding to serve others but more importantly, I understand that leadership by example, as all of you have demonstrated, proves to be most invaluable.

Congratulations to you and my best wishes for continued success in all of your future endeavors.

Sincerely,



ROBERT G. TORRICELLI  
United States Senator

City Council of  
Camden, New Jersey  
**COMMENDATION**

PRESENTED TO

**ROBERT H. DICKERSON**

WHEREAS, the Camden County Human Relations Commission will be honoring individuals, at its first *Unsung Heroes Recognition Banquet*, who have worked tirelessly over the years to bring support, understanding and respect to people of different ethnic backgrounds without fanfare or acknowledgement; and

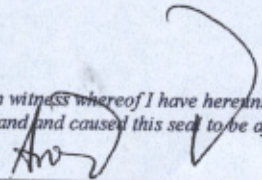
WHEREAS, Robert H. Dickerson will be given this honor on March 20, 2002; and

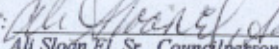
WHEREAS, Mr. Dickerson of Camden, New Jersey is a Professor of the Martial Arts who founded the *Unity Community Center of South Jersey Inc.*, which is the home of the *African Dance Drum Ensemble*. He spreads the word of Love and Discipline using the dynamics of Martial Arts with young people; and therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Camden that it hereby commends Robert H. Dickerson for his humanitarian contributions and congratulates him for being honored as an *Unsung Hero* by the Camden County Human Relations Commission.



In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

  
Angel Fuentes, President

ATTEST:   
Ali Sloan El, Sr., Councilperson

DATE: March 20, 2002

Office of the Mayor

Camden, New Jersey

# Distinguished Service

## AWARD

Presented to  
**ROBERT H. & WANDA DICKERSON  
& UNITY COMMUNITY CENTER**

WHEREAS, the City of Camden wishes to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the Community Center of South Jersey under the leadership of **Mr. & Mrs. Robert H. & Wanda Dickerson**; and

WHEREAS, for the past sixteen years, Mr. & Mrs. Dickerson have strived, suffered and dedicated their lives to the children of the City of Camden, developing them into positive, productive young men and women who will serve as role models for future generations; and

WHEREAS, their efforts have been recognized and rewarded, as their very own creation, the UPK Pasha Generals, comprised of young people from Camden City, have on two occasions been the recipients of the title of the *World's Best Military Style Drill Team*, and has set them apart from any other group by becoming the official spokes group of the "Million Mom March", on Mother's Day, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2000, in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the march on Washington is an outcry of voices for the safety and well being of our children. The Unity Community Center and its program, "The Children, The Future", stress the importance of love and discipline to combat the many ills of our society: Crime, Violence, Guns, Hate, Rape, Negative Peer Pressure, Drugs, Child Abuse and Child Neglect.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Milton Milan, Mayor of the City of Camden, with great pleasure do hereby present this Distinguished Service Award to **Robert H. & Wanda Dickerson** and their **Unity Community Center of South Jersey**, and urge all of our residents to join me in congratulating them for their accomplishments and wishing for them a great future.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

ATTEST:

DATE:



*Milton Milan*  
*Jose M. Rodriguez*  
3/31/00

# County of Camden Proclamation

Whereas...

it is the desire of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Camden to focus attention on organizations of noteworthy accomplishment; and

Whereas...

Unity Community Center of South Jersey, Inc., of Camden City founded by Robert S. Dickerson, encourages young people from urban areas to achieve excellence and economic self-sufficiency by working within the community and reinforcing the values of family life; and

Whereas...

The Universal Creative Arts Ensemble, a program of UCC directed by Wanda Dickerson and Chief Drummer Jamal Dickerson, is one of the largest professional African Dance & Drum ensembles in the country; it performs exciting and electrifying African Dance, African Drum and African Masquerade; and

Whereas...

all members of theUCAE attend the Universal Pasha Karate School, where they learn and practice the principles of respect, ethics and discipline embodied by the Martial Arts; and

Whereas...

the UCC administration, staff and Sister GiGi Bey can be justifiably proud that their efforts are rewarded when their young charges return to the City of Camden as teachers, coaches and mentors, creating a second generation of champions to further the ideals of the Center;

Now, Therefore....

the Board of Chosen Freeholders does hereby acknowledge

## THE UNIVERSAL CREATIVE ARTS ENSEMBLE

and does urge the citizens of the County of Camden to join the Board in congratulating the efforts of this outstanding organization.



*Jeffrey E. Nash*  
JEFFREY E. NASH  
Freeholder, Director

*Annette Castiglione Degan*  
ANNETTE CASTIGLIONE-DEGAN  
Freeholder

*Frank Spencer*  
FRANK SPENCER  
Freeholder, Deputy Director

*Riletta Cream*  
RILETTA CREAM  
Freeholder

*Laurelle A. Cummings*  
LAURELLE A. CUMMINGS  
Freeholder

*Patricia E. Jones*  
PATRICIA E. JONES  
Freeholder

*Edward T. McDonnell*  
EDWARD T. McDONNELL  
Freeholder

Given under our hands and the Seal of the County of Camden,  
this sixteenth day of February, Two Thousand.

# COUNTY OF CAMDEN

## Proclamation

### Whereas...

it is the desire of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Camden to focus attention on organizations of noteworthy accomplishment; and

### Whereas...

since its inception, *Unity Community Center, Inc.* has been effective in assisting young men, women and their families make positive transitions to excellence and economic self-sufficiency through personal discipline, confidence building and leadership development programs; and

### Whereas...

*Unity Community Center, Inc.* provides training and mentoring for youth and their families, enabling these young people to experience feelings of self-worth, achievement and confidence through programs such as: *Life Research Group; Universal Nasha Karate School; Universal Creative Arts Ensemble; UCC Music Intelligence Program; UCC Youth Entrepreneur Program; UCC Children, The Future Productions; UCC Leadership & Cadet Discipline Program;* and

### Whereas...

the dedicated individuals at the *Unity Community Center, Inc.* work within the community reinforcing the values of family life and providing these children with an opportunity to experience the positive feelings that result from hard work and discipline;

### Now, Therefore...

*J. Jeffrey L. Nash, Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Camden* do hereby acknowledge

UNITY COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

and do urge the citizens of the County of Camden to join the Board in congratulating the efforts of this outstanding organization.

*Jeffrey L. Nash*  
JEFFREY L. NASH  
*Freeholder Director*

SCOTT M. GOLDBERG  
*Freeholder*

EDWARD T. MCDONNELL  
*Freeholder Deputy Director*

RILETTA CREAM  
*Freeholder*

ANNETTE CASTIGLIONE-DEGAN  
*Freeholder*

PATRICIA E. JONES  
*Freeholder*

FRANK SPENCER  
*Freeholder*

Given under our hands and the Seal of the County of Camden,  
this fourteenth day of August, One thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight.



# CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

presented by

The Camden County Board of Freeholders

honoring  
**Robert Dickerson**

for his dedication and ongoing contributions  
in celebration of the

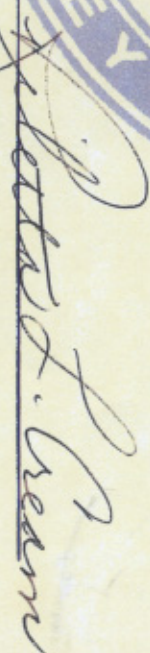
**Sixth Annual Black History Image Awards**

Office of Health & Human Services

February 19, 1997

  
JEFFREY L. NASH

Freeholder Director

  
RILETTA L. CREAM

Freeholder

City Council of  
Camden, New Jersey

# RESOLUTION

COMMENDING ROBERT H. DICKERSON  
FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

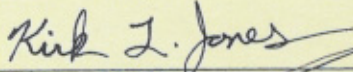
WHEREAS, Robert H. Dickerson has been an outstanding citizen in the City of Camden for many years and in 1984, did establish the Unity Community Center on Mt. Ephraim Avenue in the City of Camden whose purpose is to inspire and motivate young people to achieve better citizenship and create a better community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dickerson has displayed a talent for karate and does hold a 7th Degree Master Black Belt and is a member of the Martial Arts Hall of Fame; and

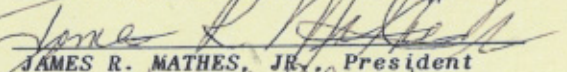
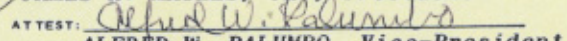
WHEREAS, the Unity Community Church does entertain numerous programs for children, including the African Dance Ensemble and has been cited nationally for its outstanding work with young people; now, therefore

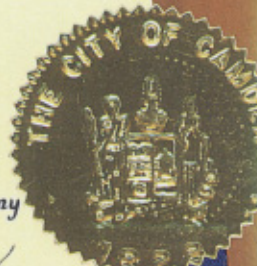
BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Camden that, the governing body hereby designates Robert H. Dickerson as an outstanding citizen and commends him for his work with our youth and he serves as a role model and an inspiration for outstanding citizenship.

On Motion Of:

  
KIRK L. JONES  
Councilperson  
Third Ward

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
hand and caused this seal to be affixed,

  
JAMES R. MATHES, JR., President  
ATTEST:   
ALFRED W. PALUMBO, Vice-President  
DATE: July 13, 1995







CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF CAMDEN  
NEW JERSEY

KIRK L. JONES  
COUNCILPERSON

THIRD WARD

SUITE 201, CITY HALL

P.O. BOX 95120

CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY 08101-5120

609/757-7115

FAX: 966-1437

REPRESENTING

EAST CAMDEN

PORTIONS OF SOUTH CAMDEN

July 18, 1995

Robert H. Dickerson  
1105 MacArthur Drive  
Camden, New Jersey 08104

Dear Robert:

Thank you for your wonderful presentation at our most recent City Council meeting on July 13th, 1995. The young people put on an outstanding performance. The great work that you, your wife and staff have done reflected positively in the tremendous work of your students.

Continued success to you and the Unity Community Center.

Sincerely,

KIRK L. JONES  
Councilperson  
Third Ward

KLJ:dd

*Office of the Mayor*

**Camden, New Jersey**

# Proclamation



**WHEREAS**, the Unity Community Center of South Jersey, Inc., a non-profit organization, was founded in the City of Camden in 1984 by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dickerson and Cornelius Lister, to bring together a group of serious men and women who were concerned about the decline of the cities of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center provides educational, cultural, recreational activities, and leadership programs for the community, with its specialty being the development of youth; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center has seven major programs that are the backbone to the organization: The Life Research Group directed by Elliott Williams, Universal Pasha Karate Club directed by Robert Dickerson, Universal Creative Arts Ensemble directed by Wanda Dickerson, Music Composition Program directed by Leon Mitchell, Youth Entrepreneur Program directed by GiGi Banks, Drug & Alcohol Prevention Program directed by Edward Culver, and the Leadership and Cadet Discipline Program directed by Robert Dickerson.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Arnold W. Webster, Ph.D., Mayor of the City of Camden, New Jersey, do hereby proclaim October 7, 1994 as

## UNITY COMMUNITY CENTER DAY

in the City of Camden and do call upon all citizens to support them in these endeavors.



*In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.*

*Arnold W. Webster*

Arnold W. Webster, Ph.D., Mayor

ATTEST:

*Judith L. Brown*

DATE:

October 7, 1994

Office of the Mayor

Camden, New Jersey

# Proclamation



WHEREAS, I take special honor in recognizing the founder and co-founder of the Unity Community Center, Universal Pasha Karate Club and Universal Creative Arts Ensemble located at 1544 Mt. Ephraim Avenue, in Camden, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, through the vision, direction and dedicated service by these two distinguished individuals; the Center has achieved the dream of touching the lives of its members as well as the lives of many of our youth, who may have otherwise been trapped by an affliction of lost hope and opportunity and resorted to drugs, which now surrounds not only our City, but our Nation as a whole; and

WHEREAS, if it were not for these two citizens who were concerned enough to turn an idea into reality, who truly understand the meaning of unity; who have jointly knitted together a Center which has spark unity within the community, thus changing lives and giving back the incentive necessary to make the difference in truly living a happy life that contains many positive expectations for the future;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Aaron A. Thompson, Mayor of the City of Camden, do hereby take this opportunity to recognize their efforts and do personally salute

"Mr. Robert H. Dickerson and Mrs. Wanda A. Dickerson"

and do further acknowledge their outstanding leadership and hope for their continued success of revitalizing the lives and the quality of our neighborhoods here in the City of Camden.

*In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.*

*Aaron A. Thompson*  
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ATTEST: *Atley D. Cahley*  
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DATE: August 5, 1990

