

## **Certificate Of Service and Appreciation**

**WHEREAS** on this occasion of remembering Martha Revis Collier, a forty-one year member of the League of Women Voters, we wish to recognize Martha for the many things she accomplished for the League, her community and her family. On Martha's behalf, we would like to establish a LWVM Memorial Award to be awarded yearly to a civic-minded organization or individual within the community she so faithfully served. Here are some of Marth's contributions to the community.

**WHEREAS** Martha established the Observer Corps for the League of Women Voters of Mobile which promotes open, transparent government, encourages active participation in government, increases our understanding of major public policy issues and educates our citizens on what their government is doing. Our members are sent to various local governmental board meetings to learn more about the function, protocol and achievements of these city and county appointed groups.

**WHEREAS** Martha served on the City of Mobile Board of Adjustment, working tirelessly with zoning issues for several years. During that period, she interfaced with government officials, working with staff members, and garnering valuable information on how a city functions.

**WHEREAS** after attending the League of Women Voters National Convention in Portland, Oregon, Martha, wishing to share this knowledge, hosted a series of meetings in her home for the general membership relating to the election of judges versus appointments, still one of the hottest debates today in judicial positions.

**WHEREAS**, Martha participated in teaching the civics program, along with others to retired persons through the University of South Alabama's Odyssey Program, and the Dauphin Way United Way Methodist Church Mason School of Continuing Education. Conscientious and firm in her convictions, her approach to life was one of reaching out to others with kindness and civility.

**WHEREAS**, Martha taught a class "Parents as First Teachers," realizing that parents are a child's first and most influential teachers. She was a steadfast supporter of the La Leche League, dedicated to providing education, information, support and encouragement to women who want to breastfeed, with a profound effect on mothers and babies in Mobile and the surrounding area with her expertise, knowledge, encouraging that one-on-one special touch.

**WHEREAS** Martha hosted many League events, as well as an annual Mother-Daughter Valentine Party in her home. Martha was passionate about the importance of mother and child. Proud of many things in life, she said nothing beats being a mother: this was her mantra in life. Her memory lives on in the world.

**WHEREAS**, Martha was an experienced yoga instructor, teaching at various venues in the city, while introducing others to the benefits of yoga, with its mind-body connection. She was a dynamic expression of life lived to the fullest.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Martha, truly exemplifying the guidelines of the League and life itself, has left a lasting impact with many contributions to her community, and to others, all the while exhibiting family and civic-minded values.

**LET IT BE KNOWN** that a copy of this Certificate will be placed in the archives of the League of Women Voters of Mobile, Alabama.

This Certificate of Appreciation is signed by the LWVM President, and a past LWVM President; dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2016.

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Elizabeth Wooten

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