

RESOLUTION R-2006-035

*Acknowledging Historic Columbia Foundation's dedication of the Mann-Simons Cottage Garden to the Wisteria Garden Club of Columbia*

WHEREAS, the Wisteria Garden Club was formed in June, 1961 and its members have served the community through volunteerism and educating the public about nature's beauty; and,

WHEREAS, the Wisteria Garden Club worked with other community groups and individuals including the City of Columbia and the Columbia Housing Authority in 1976 to save the Mann-Simons Cottage from demolition; and,

WHEREAS, the Wisteria Garden Club took special interest and effort to furnish the home, tend the gardens and lead tours of the property, which interprets the life and legacy of Celia Mann, an enslaved African-American woman who acquired her freedom and resided at 1403 Richland Street in Columbia, South Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, the restored Mann-Simons Cottage opened in 1978 as the Afro-American Center for Culture and Heritage; and,

WHEREAS, in August 2006, Historic Columbia Foundation celebrates the opening of the Mann-Simons Garden in conjunction with the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Jubilee Festival of Heritage; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council this 16th day of August, 2006 that the City of Columbia acknowledges the Historic Columbia Foundation Board of Trustees dedication of the Mann-Simons Cottage Garden to the Wisteria Garden Club of Columbia, South Carolina.

Requested by:

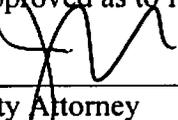
Historic Columbia Foundation

  
MAYOR

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City Manager

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City Attorney

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

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