

BOROUGH OF RED BANK

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION NO. 13-183

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH,
RE-STATING THE OPINION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL THAT THE
T. THOMAS FORTUNE HOUSE SHOULD BE PRESERVED AS A HISTORIC SITE**

Mr. Zipprich offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank have previously stated that the Timothy Thomas Fortune house, located at 94 Drs. James Parker Boulevard, should be preserved as a historic site in Resolution No. 07-235 dated November 12, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the structure, built 1883, was the home of one of the United States' first African-American newspaper publishers and is an example of the Second Empire architectural style; and

WHEREAS, the house was originally built by the Bergen family, after whom the street known as Bergen Place was named;

WHEREAS, in or around 1918, the Vaccarelli family purchased the house and for nearly ninety years operated an Italian bakery on the site; and

WHEREAS, during that period, the Vaccarellis were stewards of the property, preserving its historic character; and

WHEREAS, the Fortune house was named to the National Registry of Historic Places in 1976, the sole such landmark in New Jersey associated with African-American history; and

WHEREAS, Preservation New Jersey has identified the Fortune house as one of the State's Top Ten Endangered Historic Sites;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank do hereby restate their support for the preservation of this historic home and that they believe every effort should be made to find some type of adaptive reuse of the building and the surrounding property so that future generations can be reminded of their ancestors' achievements and of the rich diversity that has characterized and enriched Red Bank since its founding over one hundred years ago.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall forward certified true copies of this resolution to Senator Beck, Assemblywoman Cassagrande, Assemblywoman Angelini, the Board of Chosen Freeholders, Preservation New Jersey, the New Jersey Historic Trust in the Department of Community Affairs and to the Red Bank Zoning Board of Adjustment, the Red Bank Planning Board and the Red Bank Historic Preservation Committee.

Seconded by Ms. Lee and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Lewis	()	()	()	(x)
Mr. Zipprich	(x)	()	()	()
Mr. DuPont	(x)	()	()	()
Ms. Horgan	(x)	()	()	()
Ms. Lee	(x)	()	()	()
Mr. Murphy	()	()	()	()

Dated: July 24, 2013