



City of Cambridge

R-44.

IN CITY COUNCIL

July 26, 1999

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR DUEHAY
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: Marie St. Fleur is the first Haitian American who has been elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS: Marie St. Fleur was elected by special election to the Fifth Suffolk District on July 6, 1999; and

WHEREAS: Marie received 77% of the votes cast; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record extending its congratulations to Marie St. Fleur on being elected to the House of Representatives for the Fifth Suffolk District; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Marie St. Fleur on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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City Clerk

Councillor Sullivan

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Whereas: MARIE St. Fleur ~~is~~ IS the First HAITIAN AMERICAN who ~~was~~ has been elected to the House of Representatives; and

Whereas MARIE St. Fleur was elected by Special election to the FIFTH SUFFOLK District on July 6, 1999; and

Whereas MARIE received 77% of the voter cast; now therefore be it

Resolved That the CC go on record extending its Congratulations to MARIE St. Fleur on being elected to the House of Representatives for the FIFTH SUFFOLK District; and be it Further

Resolved SEC to MARIE St. Fleur.

New England News Briefs

St. Fleur a big winner in 5th District

By Carlos Monge Jr.
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

The first thing Marie St. Fleur did when she walked into her victory party at the Strand Theater in Dorchester last night was applaud about 200 supporters who came out to celebrate her overwhelming victory in a special election in the Fifth Suffolk District state legislative race.

The second thing St. Fleur, who became the first Haitian-American elected to the House, did was hug her predecessor, Charlotte Golar Richie, who had supported her.

As of late last night, St. Fleur had 955 votes or 77 percent of the 1,242 votes cast in yesterday's election, according to the city clerk's office. Republican candidate Robert Fortes garnered 210 votes for 17 percent while Independent David Huggins won 66 votes for 5 percent.

When Richie resigned to lead Mayor Thomas M. Menino's neighborhood development program, there was much speculation about who would succeed her.

St. Fleur was also endorsed by Menino and former Attorney General Scott Harshbarger, but she said her main support came from a grass-roots campaign that boasted 150 volunteers and campaign organizers in 15 of the district's 19 precincts.

"People say you can't raise money in Roxbury," St. Fleur told supporters. "But I've got news for you - we raised money in Roxbury. They say this side of Dorchester doesn't participate in politics. Well, I've got news for you - they made this campaign happen."

St. Fleur, 37, came to the state at age 7 with her family, escaping the oppressive rule of Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier. There are an estimated 80,000 Haitian immigrants in the state.

House Speaker Thomas Finneran (D-Mattapan) was on hand to congratulate St. Fleur. "Marie just went through and took this community by storm," Finneran said. "She's obviously bright and energetic. She'll have many opportunities to participate and shine in the State House."

Boston Globe July 7, 1999

DATE:

7/7/99

TIME:

9:28 a.m.

COUNCILLOR:

Sullivan

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ANNIVERSARY:

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Globe

NEWSPAPER

NAME:

Marie St Fleur

Message taken by:

DORIS MURPHY



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ORDER ADOPTED