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SPECIAL REPORT

30 years of Carrie P. Meek Entrepreneurial Education Center

The former Congresswoman was honored for her educational efforts.

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Over the years, former Congresswoman Carrie P. Meek has largely contributed to the small community of Liberty City.

Today, Miami Dade College North Campus officially recognized the woman who always kept little Liberty City a big priority.

The college honored Meek Tuesday afternoon during the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Carrie P. Meek Entrepreneurial Education Center.

“As a public servant, Congresswoman Meek was able to direct much support to MDC and its Entrepreneurial Center, an institution that has been at the heart of reviving entrepreneurship in Liberty City and throughout Miami-Dade County,” Malou C. Harrison, president of the North and Padrón campuses said.

In the early 1980s, Meek became the first Black woman elected into the Florida Senate. One of her major projects was to secure the required \$2.3 million in state funding for the construction of the Liberty City Entrepreneurial Educational Center at Miami Dade Community College.

Before the decade ended, she did it.

The center was inaugurated in 1989 and later renamed as MDC’s Carrie P. Meek Entrepreneurial Education Center to continue Meek’s legacy and share her entrepreneurial spirit with the South Florida community.

MDC and city leaders commemorated Meek’s lifetime of public service toward improving education and social conditions in Liberty City and other inner-city neighborhoods through the Carrie Meek Foundation. Meek’s daughter Lucia Davis-Raiford heads up the foundation.

“She is responsible for touching countless lives in this community,” Harrison added.

Thirty years later, the Meek center is a major outreach tool of the North Campus and offers a specialized focus on entrepreneurship and community development. It works to provide essential training programs and services to support mobility and growth in the community.

Meek has helped pave the way for students to obtain workforce and business skills that allow them to enter the labor market or become successful entrepreneurs.

Meek’s son, former Congressman Kendrick Meek said his mother’s backbone was education.

At the celebration, representatives of Miami-Dade County Commission Chair Audrey Edmonson declared Dec. 10 as Carrie P. Meek Entrepreneurial Education Center Day in her honor.

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