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### **Memorial for Former Mayor-Commissioner Roberta Lisle (NB)**

**This item identifies a location for honoring former Mayor-Commissioner Roberta Lisle, the first female elected to the Gainesville City Commission and the first to serve as Mayor.**

This issue was brought forward at the January 21, 2010 City Commission meeting under Commission Comment by Commissioner Jack Donovan. Roberta "Bobbie" Lane Lisle Kline attended the University of Florida and received her B.A. in Interior Design in June 1961; she later received her Law Degree from the University of Florida. She has three children: Marcus, Catherine and Nathan. She was a member of the City's Board of Adjustment from 1974 - 76 and was active in the City's buying the Thomas Hotel which is now known as the Thomas Center. Ms. Kline was the first female to be elected to the Gainesville City Commission in 1976. She served from 1976 until 1982. She was appointed by her colleagues to serve as Mayor from 1978 - 1979. She was active in the creation of the historic district during the preservation movement. During her time on the Commission, she was very vocal and involved with neighborhood protection and preventing discrimination.

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee discussed this referral at its April 8, 2010 meeting and approved staff's recommendation to honor former Mayor-Commissioner Roberta Lisle by naming City Hall Room 16 the "Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room".

None

The City Commission approve honoring former Mayor-Commissioner Roberta Lisle by naming City Hall Room 16 the "Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room".