



The American Legion Auxiliary
B.W. Howell, Unit 171
8325 1st Avenue North Birmingham, AL 35206

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: Illaya Oglesby-Porter has served Veterans faithfully and with honor for 45 years; being a great granddaughter, granddaughter, niece, mother and wife of Veterans; and

WHEREAS: Illaya Oglesby-Porter is currently serving as the Department 2nd Vice President as well as the Department Chairperson for our Children and Youth program; and

WHEREAS: Illaya Oglesby-Porter served as Chaplain of the 21st District Auxiliary from July 2022 to June 2024; and

WHEREAS: Illaya Oglesby-Porter having served as the Unit President for B.W. Howell, Unit 171 from 2019 to current, 7 continuous years of service; and

WHEREAS: Illaya Oglesby-Porter having served as a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Alabama for 7 continuous years, member of the American Legion Riders for 3 continuous years; and

WHEREAS: Illaya Oglesby-Porter is a highly dedicated Auxiliary member who cares deeply about both the American Legion Auxiliary programs and the American Legion programs, (Girls State, Boys State, Legion Oratorical, Scholarships, Junior Leadership, and Baseball) and their missions; and

WHEREAS: Illaya Oglesby-Porter remarkable leadership journey, includes completion of both the ALA Academy and the American Legion Basic Training Courses and a graduate of the Alabama Yellow Hammer Legion College (AYLC), demonstrates her commitment to personal growth and enhancing her skills in service of veterans; and

WHEREAS: Illaya Oglesby-Porter has distinguished herself in the civilian occupation as a Financial Support Worker for 4 years and currently a Financial Support Supervisor with a goal to ensure that Veterans and their family members meeting the low-income requirement are able to get assistance with food and other services available through the state

THEREFORE; be it resolved that on 10 March 2025 the members of B.W. Howell, Unit 171 unanimously voted their support for the candidacy of Unit President Illaya Oglesby-Porter as First Vice President, Department of Alabama 2025-2026. We ask for your vote and support during the Department Convention in June 2025.

Chrystal L. Jones

Chrystal L. Jones, Secretary
B.W. Howell, Unit 171

Cynthia Billingsly

Cynthia Billingsly, 1st Vice President
B.W. Howell, Unit 171