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## Dr. Reba R. Hollingsworth '49 Parliamentarian

Dr. Reba R. Hollingsworth, born in Milford, Delaware, was the second eldest of seven children born to Solomon and Rachel Shockley Ross. During her junior year at Delaware State College, she married her now late husband of more than sixty-eight years, Berlin N. Hollingsworth on December 28, 1947 at Bethel A.M.E. Church, Milford, Delaware. They have one daughter, Vivian O. Dancy, one grandson, William J. Johnson, and two great-grandsons, Jeremiah J. Johnson and Jayce A. Johnson. She currently resides in Dover, Delaware.

After graduating from Delaware State College in 1949 with a B. S. degree in Home Economics, she began her teaching career in Rains, South Carolina. In 1954, she was hired to teach Home Economics and Science at William C. Jason Comprehensive High School in Georgetown, Delaware, where she worked until 1966, when she was employed as a guidance counselor at Dover High School in Dover, Delaware until she retired in 1988. Dr. Hollingsworth earned her M.Ed. degree in Guidance and Counseling from the University of Delaware in 1970. She completed all work (except the dissertation) toward a doctorate degree from Temple University and did advanced studies at Chapman College and the University of La Verne in California. In 2001, Dr. Hollingsworth earned her Ph.D. Degree in Counseling from Pacific Western University in Los Angeles, California.

In addition to her teaching/counseling career, Dr Hollingsworth was a cookware salesman, an Overseas Travel-Study Counselor, an adjunct professor at the University of La Verne, Wilmington College, and Delaware State University. She was the counseling practicum supervisor for the University of Delaware, Southern Illinois University, and Wilmington College; consultant to the Brandywine College Admissions Department; instructor/trainer for Parent and Teacher Effectiveness Training courses; and co-owner of Hollingsworth & Hollingsworth Consultant Services specializing in Pre-Marriage and Marriage Counseling and Parliamentary Procedure Workshops and Training Sessions. Dr. Hollingsworth has participated in many communication, counseling and behavior modification workshops and is a nationally certified counselor, who participated in standardizing the National Counselor Certification Test. Dr. Hollingsworth is a life member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and her involvement in civic, professional, and community activities are many and varied.

Among the many honors and awards presented to Dr. Hollingsworth are 2012 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Distinguished Delaware State University Alumni, Queen Mother, named Nana Afua Nyamboah of the Bretou Clan, Asiaka, Ghana, West Africa and the DSU Early College High School guidance department was named for Dr. Hollingsworth. In 2018, she was inducted into the Delaware Women's Hall of Fame and was selected as a Faithful and Unsung Honoree of Whatcoat United Methodist Church. In 2019, Reba received the Inner City Cultural League, Inc. Phenomenal Woman Award, became a member of the Friends of the Delaware Public Archives Board, and became a member of the Delaware Afro-American Sports Hall of Fame, Inc. In 2020, she received the Richard Allen Coalition, Inc. Award for Outstanding Service to the Community.