

LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION

HONORING COUNCIL MEMBER WALTER McNEIL, JR.

WHEREAS, Sanford native Walter McNeil, age 75, passed away unexpectedly on March 30, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. McNeil is survived by his wife, Billie, and one son, Michael; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. McNeil graduated from Winston-Salem State University with a bachelor's degree in education and a received a master's degree in Administration from North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. McNeil, a retired educator with the Lee County School System from September 1963 – June 1994, Sanford City Councilman, and advocate, touched the lives of many throughout his career in teaching, coaching, and mentoring; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. McNeil was a current member of the Sanford City Council since January 1981 when he became the first African American member of the Council; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. McNeil served faithfully and consecutively on the Sanford City Council for 33 years and was last re-elected in November 2010; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. McNeil served three terms as mayor pro tem from December 1993 through December 1997 and December 2005 through December 2007, and was appointed to the North Carolina League of Municipalities Board of Directors for 2005-2006, where he represented cities and towns in Lee, Harnett, Cumberland, Hoke, Moore, Sampson, and Scotland counties; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. McNeil established the National Night Out crime prevention program in 1993 and was an avid spokesman for parks within neighborhoods, including the one on Pineland Street which was named "The Walter H. McNeil, Jr. Park" by the community as a show of gratitude for his support and dedication; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. McNeil was known for his honesty, his integrity, and level head and calmness when dealing with situations, and he will also be remembered for his flower arranging talent.

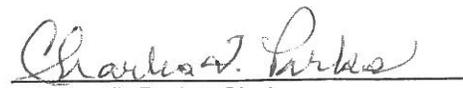
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lee County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor Mr. Walter McNeil, Jr. for his dedication and years of service on the Sanford City Council and his concern and caring for the citizens of Sanford.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be made a part of the Minutes of the April 7, 2014, meeting and a copy presented to the McNeil family.

Adopted this 7th day of April 2014


Robert T. Reives, Sponsor
Lee County Commissioner




Charles T. Parks, Chairman
Lee County Board of Commissioners