

RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE LATE
ANNIE RUTH LOCKLEAR REVELS

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2016, this community lost one of its outstanding community leaders with the passing of the late Annie Ruth Locklear Revels;

WHEREAS, Ms. Revels, a native of the Union Chapel Community of Robeson County, attended Union Chapel Elementary School, graduated from Pembroke High School and received an A.B. degree in English in 1958 from Pembroke State University;

WHEREAS, Ms. Revels began her teaching career at the all-Indian Pembroke High School and relocated to Ragsdale High School in 1959 where she taught English, drama, speech, and American Indian and African American literature;

WHEREAS, Ms. Revels served as executive director for 22 years of the non-profit organization, Guilford Native American Association established by herself and her husband Lonnie;

WHEREAS, in 1990 Ms. Revels opened the Guilford Native American Art Gallery, the only Native American-owned and operated gallery of its kind in the southeastern United States;

WHEREAS, in 1994, Ms. Revels earned a Woman of Distinction in Pathmakers: North Carolina Native American Women of Distinction Exhibit, a photographic tribute to 25 Native American women of the state of North Carolina who made significant contributions in areas of education, community, church, family medicine, law and other fields;

WHEREAS, as a founding member of United Tribes of North Carolina for 41 years, Ms. Revels was instrumental in the ongoing success of the annual North Carolina Indian Unity Conference;

WHEREAS, Ms. Revels' involvement in Guilford Native American Association led her appointment to the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs; and was appointed chair of the commission in 2003 by Governor Pat McCrory;

WHEREAS, in 2016 Ms. Revels was the recipient of the 2016 AT&T African American Heritage Calendar Award for her contributions to preserve African American heritage in North Carolina.

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to express its sense of loss and sincere appreciation and gratitude for the many years of dedicated public service rendered by Annie Ruth Locklear Revels, the outstanding contributions she has made to the community, and the legacy she leaves.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

1. That the City Council hereby expresses, on behalf of the citizens of Greensboro, a deep sense of loss and a feeling of respect and gratitude for the life of Annie Ruth Locklear Revels.
2. That a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the family of the late Annie Ruth Locklear Revels as a symbol of the gratitude of the people of Greensboro for her many contributions to this community.