

RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE LATE
MICHAEL B. FLEMING

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2014, this community lost one of its outstanding community leaders with the death of the late Michael B. Fleming at the age of 94;

WHEREAS, Fleming, a native of Greensboro, was a graduate of Greensboro Senior High School and High Point College (now University) magna cum laude, attended George Washington University, did graduate work at American University in Washington and American University Beirut; and received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG);

WHEREAS, in 1942 Fleming enlisted as an apprentice seaman in the United States Navy; was commissioned in 1949; and served 35 years' active and reserve duty before retiring as Captain, U.S. Navy Reserve in 1977;

WHEREAS, Fleming was Retired President and co-owner of Fleming-Shaw Transfer & Storage, Inc.;

WHEREAS, his involvement in civic activities over the years included, but was not limited to, General Chairman of the United Way of Greater Greensboro Campaign in 1985 and Chairman of the Board in 1987, founder of the local Alexis de Tocqueville Society, President of the Guilford County Reserve Officers' Association, the Greensboro Unit, American Cancer Society, the Better Business Bureau of Guilford County, the Greensboro Civitan Club, the Shepherd's Center of Greensboro, President and Board Chairman Junior Achievement of Greensboro, Board of Trustees at Oak Ridge Military Academy, Chairman Organization and Extension, General Greene Council, Boy Scouts of America and Chairman of the Board of Advisors Friends Homes, Inc.;

WHEREAS, Fleming was a charter member of the Greensboro Opera Company and the Greensboro City Club; served on the Board of Directors of the Greensboro Chapter, American Red Cross, United Arts Council, Greensboro Lyric Theater, Guilford County March of Dimes, Triad Sickle Cell Foundation, Goodwill Industries, Old Greensboro Preservation Society, Greensboro Historical Museum, United Services for Older Adults, Mental Health Association in Greensboro and was an honorary life member of the Greater Greensboro Chamber of Commerce;

WHEREAS, his service also included governmental commissions and task forces of the Greensboro Dialogue Task Force, Greensboro One Task Force, Greensboro One Bond Committee, Coliseum Study Committee, Finance Committee of Greensboro Visions, Greensboro Human Relations, Finance Committee of the Guilford County Bi-Centennial Commission, and he was a member of the North Carolina Board of Transportation representing Guilford, Alamance, Caswell, Orange and Rockingham Counties;

WHEREAS, Fleming was named High Point College Alumnus of the Year in 1962, was the first recipient of the "Outstanding Civic Leader of the Year"; recipient of the Chamber of

Commerce Nathaniel Greene Award; and recipient of the Greensboro Chamber's top "Distinguished Citizen" Award;

WHEREAS, his involvement in activities at UNCG included serving as a trustee for two terms, eight years on the Board of Excellence Foundation, and in 1994, the gym in the Health and Human Performance building was named the Michael B. Fleming Gymnasium;

WHEREAS, in the early 1960's Fleming spearheaded the integration of the Chamber of Commerce, the Reserve Officers' Association, the Greensboro Interclub Council, the Greensboro Civitan Club and other local organizations;

WHEREAS, Fleming was a member of Christ United Methodist Church where he served on the Administrative Board, Finance Committee, Endowment, Long-Range Planning, Pastor-Parish Relations, Visitation, Communion to Shut-ins; chaired the Annual Stewardship Campaign in 1986, and was a member of the Asbury Sunday School class as well as the United Methodist Men.

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to express its sense of loss and its sincere appreciation and gratitude for the many years of dedicated public service rendered by Michael B. Fleming, the outstanding contributions he has made to the community, and the legacy he 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 Michael B. Fleming.
2. That a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the family of the late Michael B. Fleming as a symbol of the gratitude of the people of Greensboro for his many contributions to this community.