

RESOLUTION HONORING US CONGRESSWOMAN DR. ALMA S. ADAMS

WHEREAS, Alma S. Adams was the 100th woman elected to Congress in a special election to represent the 12th Congressional District of North Carolina on November 12, 2014;

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Adams sits on the Committee on Education and the Workforce, the Agriculture Committee, the Small Business Committee and the Joint Economic Committee;

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Adams is the founder of the first ever Congressional Bipartisan HBCU Caucus and also holds a leadership role in the Democratic Caucus as Vice President for the 114th Congress' freshmen class;

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Adams began her public service as the first African American elected to serve on the Greensboro County School Board;

WHEREAS, after serving on the School Board, Congresswoman Adams served on the Greensboro City Council from 1987 to 1994;

WHEREAS, in 1994 she resigned from the Greensboro City Council to begin what would become ten years of service in the North Carolina House of Representatives;

WHEREAS, during her tenure in the North Carolina Legislature she became the chair of the North Carolina Legislative Black Caucus, pioneered the Displaced Homemakers Bill and successfully spearheaded the state's first minimum wage increase in nine years;

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Adams taught Art History and led the effort to increase student civic participation during her career at Bennett College;

WHEREAS, in 1968 Adams graduated from North Carolina A&T State University; received her masters degree in Art Education in 1972 and earned her Ph.D in Art Education and Multicultural Education from The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio in 1981;

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Adams was the Co-Founder and Executive Director of the African American Artlier at the Cultural Arts Center;

WHEREAS, as a former educator, she has dedicated her career to improving the lives of young people and the community.

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

That, on behalf of the citizens of Greensboro, the City Council does hereby publicly recognize US Congresswoman Dr. Alma S. Adams for her years of outstanding public service to the Community and extends its appreciation.