

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING DR. IRISH SPENCER FOR HER WORK WITH THE WELFARE
REFORM LIAISON PROJECT AND TO CONGRATULATE HER ON THE RECEIPT OF THE
‘CHAMPION OF CHANGE’ AWARD

WHEREAS, the Welfare Reform Liaison Project (WRLP) is an organization that began in 1998 as the brain child of Bishop George W. Brooks and Reverend Odell Cleveland, two local leaders at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Greensboro;

WHEREAS, WRLP, Inc. is a federally funded community action agency focused on workforce development which partners with local charities, schools and other community groups in eradicating poverty in Guilford County;

WHEREAS, the work of WRLP continues under the professional leadership of Dr. Irish Spencer, an award winning local leader who sits on many community boards and committees and has built a wealth of contacts among the Triad’s leaders throughout her career as a station manager at Entercom Radio and a partner in the Spencer Group, Inc.;

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2015 Dr. Spencer’s hard work and determination to ‘Help the least of these’ was recognized nationally during a White House ceremony which presented her with the ‘Champion of Change’ award;

WHEREAS, Dr. Spencer joined VISTA, Volunteers in Service to America and has worked with Big Brothers Big Sisters in Greensboro where she developed new programs that have received statewide recognition and was the first graduate of the liberal studies degree program with a concentration in African American Studies from North Carolina A&T State University; received a master’s in humanities from Tiffin University in Ohio and a doctorate in management from Colorado Technical University;

WHEREAS, Dr. Spencer can be heard every Saturday on the Wild Irish Rose Show as the voice of North Carolina A&T State University at 12 noon on 90.1 WNAA ;

WHEREAS, some of the many awards Dr. Spencer has received include the Minority and Women in Business Who’s Who Award, Hayes Taylor YMCA Community Service Award, Leslie Advertising Top Media Award, MEAC Leadership Cup, NAACP Trailblazer Award, ACC NCAA Sponsorship Recognition Award, Walter Reed Academic Cup, National Black Achievers Award for Business and Industry and the International Civil Rights Center and Museum Recognition Pioneer Award.

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

That on behalf of the citizens of Greensboro it hereby wishes to recognize Dr. Irish Spencer for her hard work and dedication with the Welfare Reform Liaison Project and to congratulate her on the receipt of the ‘Champion of Change’ award.