

RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE LATE  
ODESSA G. KIMBER

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2015, this community lost one of its outstanding community leaders with the death of the late Odessa G. Kimber at the age of 85;

WHEREAS, Kimber, a native of Staley, North Carolina, graduated with the Class of 1948 from Dudley High School and received an Associate Degree in Business Education from Agricultural and Technical College (NC A&T State University) in 1952;

WHEREAS, following graduation Ms. Kimber was employed by Prago & Guyes for five years where she was the first Intergenerational Cashier and Bookkeeper and worked for seventeen years at NC A&T State University as an Administrative Secretary and Supervisor for the Student Aide Personnel and Secretary of Government Projects;

WHEREAS, Ms. Kimber furthered her education at Guilford Technical Community College where she earned an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice, a Certificate of Auxiliary Basic Criminal Justice Instructor Training, and a Special Police Officer Training for the state of North Carolina;

WHEREAS, she owned and operated Kimber Guard & Patrol, Inc. for thirty seven years and was the first woman in the state of North Carolina to obtain the necessary licensing to own and operate a security guard and patrol firm;

WHEREAS, Ms. Kimber served at Saint Stephen United Church of Christ for 79 years in many capacities including Youth Choir, Junior Usher Board and member of the Board of Trustees;

WHEREAS, for many years Ms. Kimber formed and sponsored a T-Ball team in the Ray Warren Homes community for 6 to 9 year old boys;

WHEREAS, some of the many honors and accomplishments Ms. Kimber received include Honorary Attorney General in 1984 by Rufus Edmisten, The February One Society's "One Community Award in 1984", Distinguished Service Award for Distinguished and Meritorious Service from The Piedmont Chapter of The North State Law Enforcement Officers Association, Minority Service Industry Firm of The Year Outstanding Achievements in Developing Minority Business in the Triad for the year 1984, Y.M.C.A. Black Women's Award for Outstanding Service in Business, North Carolina Association of Minority Business, Inc. Award for Outstanding Service and Commitment to Growth and Expansion of Minority Business, United States Congressional Advisory Board for Outstanding Service as State Advisor, and North Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Association: Piedmont Chapter Award for Appreciation of Devoted and Valuable Services;

WHEREAS, Ms. Kimber founded the Triad Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation in Greensboro, was the recipient of WHO'S WHO OF AMERICAN WOMEN, 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial Edition and was awarded the "National Sojourner Truth Meritorious Service Award";

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 Odessa G. Kimber, 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 Odessa G. Kimber.
2. That a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the family of the late Odessa G. Kimber as a symbol of the gratitude of the people of Greensboro for her many contributions to this community.