RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING DOCTOR GREGORY T. HEADEN ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM GENESIS BAPTIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, Dr. Gregory T. Headen has served in the ministry for over 44 years, most recently at Genesis Baptist Church; and visited the White House twice during the Reagan Administration;

WHEREAS, Dr. Headen received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Pembroke State University in 1973; the Master of Divinity Degree from Duke University Divinity School in 1976; and the Doctor of Ministry Degree at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1984;

WHEREAS, during his seven year career at Shaw University Divinity School he was appointed Professor of Practical Theology while serving as Dean of Students; served as Dean of Academic Affairs and President; and in 1989, the Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree was conferred upon him by the University;

WHEREAS, Dr. Headen has served as Pastor of Taylors Chapel Baptist Church near Sanford; First Baptist Church, New Hill; Elevation Baptist Church, Raleigh (Interim); The Shaw Community Church, Raleigh; Jackson Chapel First Baptist Church, Wilson; Shiloh Baptist Church, Greensboro; and most recently, Genesis Baptist Church in Greensboro;

WHEREAS, he was the recipient of the Human Services Award from the Greensboro Human Relations Commission that recognized Dr. Headen for his devotion to human rights within the community;

WHEREAS, the Pulpit Forum of Greensboro named him "Pastor of the Year" in 2005; and he served as a former President, secretary and currently serves as treasurer of the Forum;

WHEREAS, Dr. Headen is the recipient of the "Outstanding Alumnus Award" from Pembroke State University; served as Co-Chairperson of the Greensboro Truth & Reconciliation Project; Chairman of the Membership Committee of the Greensboro Branch NAACP; and currently serves on the Executive Board of the Greensboro Branch NAACP;

WHEREAS, on behalf of the citizens of Greensboro, the Greensboro City Council wishes to express its sincere appreciation and gratitude for the many years of devoted public service by Dr. Headen.

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

That the City Council hereby extends, on behalf of the citizens of the City of Greensboro, its appreciation, gratitude and recognition to Dr. Gregory T. Headen on his retirement from Genesis Baptist Church and for his dedicated ministry, service and leadership throughout the community.