

RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE LATE
MELVIN C. "MEL" SWANN, JR.

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2016, this community lost one of its outstanding community leaders with the passing of the late Melvin C. "Mel" Swann, Jr.;

WHEREAS, a native of Alabama City, Alabama, Swann attended elementary school in several states and abroad, received his high school diploma from St. Emma's Military Academy in Rock Castle, Virginia, Bachelor of Science degree from Hampton University, Master of Education from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Doctor of Humane Letters from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. Swann pursued further study at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro;

WHEREAS, Swann was a graduate of the Provost Marshal General School and the United States Army Airborne School; and served as a captain in the United States Army Military Police;

WHEREAS, during his 36-year career in education, he was employed as a health and science teacher prior to becoming an assistant principal at J.C. Price Junior High School in Greensboro, and in 1969, became principal. In 1971 Swann was promoted to director of student affairs and was instrumental in managing the student desegregation program for the Greensboro City School system;

WHEREAS, later in his career, Swann served as the school system's assistant superintendent for pupil personnel services, assistant superintendent for elementary schools and community services, associate superintendent for administration and management. Prior to his retirement in 1997, Swann was appointed as the first deputy superintendent of the newly merged Guilford County Schools system which included Greensboro, High Point, and Guilford County in 1993;

WHEREAS, his career in public education led to service on the North Carolina Community College System, North Carolina Judicial Standards Commission, Magnet Schools of America, National Association of Pupil Personnel Administration, North Carolina A&T State University Board of Trustees, Guilford College Board, Greensboro College Board and Oak Ridge Military Academy Board;

WHEREAS, Swann received many honors throughout his lifetime including The North Carolina Order of the Long Leaf Pine, Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition for Outstanding and Invaluable Service to the Community, Guilford County Association of Office Personnel Administrator of the Year, Hayes-Taylor YMCA Man of the Year, News and Record/Triad Stage Our Town Hero, YMCA of Greensboro Volunteer of the Year, and was a Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. Legend Award recipient;

WHEREAS, as an active member of the community Swann served as chairman of the Church Council and member of the Gospel Choir, Sanctuary Choir and United Methodist Men at Saint Matthews United Methodist Church; chairman, Greensboro Coliseum Commission; and chairman, Hayes-Taylor Memorial YMCA Board Of Management. Additional honors include

member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., Greensboro Men's Club, The Flexibles Social Club, Peeler-Swann-J.C. Price Family and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Beta Epsilon Boule;

WHEREAS, Swann was inducted in the North Carolina A&T Sports Hall of Fame; and for 37 years, served as a broadcaster for North Carolina A&T football and basketball games;

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to express its sense of loss and sincere appreciation and gratitude for the many years of dedicated public service rendered by Melvin C. "Mel" Swann, Jr., 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 Melvin C. "Mel" Swann.
2. That a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the family of the late Melvin C. "Mel" Swann as a symbol of the gratitude of the people of Greensboro for his many contributions to this community.