RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE LATE WALTA MAE HIGGINS JOHNSON

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2016, this community lost one of its outstanding community leaders with the passing of the late Walta Mae Higgins Johnson at the age of 84;

WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson, was a native of Waynesboro, Georgia and relocated to Greensboro where she attended the Greensboro City Schools, graduating from James B. Dudley High School in 1948;

WHEREAS, she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from North Carolina A&T State University in 1952; and began her 34 year career in education in the Greensboro City School system as an elementary teacher and reading specialist;

WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson was an active member of the North Carolina Association of Teachers during her teaching career;

WHEREAS, as a member of New Zion Missionary Baptist Church for over 50 years, Ms. Johnson served on various church organizations including Missionary Group #2, the Board of Directors, Women's Sunday School Class, W.D. Johnson Choir, Women's and Senior Choirs, W.D. Johnson Scholarship Committee, Trustee Board, Devotional Leader for Eleven o'clock Wednesday Bible Study, Member of the Voices of Vision and was the "2010 New Zion Mother of the Year";

WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson was a member of Les Joilettes, The Double Deckers and The Seidals;

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 Walta Mae Higgins Johnson, 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 Walta Mae Higgins Johnson.
- 2. That a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the family of the late Walta Mae Higgins Johnson as a symbol of the gratitude of the people of Greensboro for her many contributions to this community.