

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING PAUL CHELIMO ON WINNING THE SILVER MEDAL IN
THE 5000 METERS AT THE 2016 RIO OLYMPICS

WHEREAS, Paul Chelimo is a native of Chebiemit, Kenya, and became a United States citizen after being part of the Army's World Class Athlete Project to run for Shorter College in 2010 prior to transferring to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG) in 2011;

WHEREAS, Mr. Chelimo graduated from UNCG in December 2014 in Public Health with a concentration in Community Health Education;

WHEREAS, he was the two-time runner-up in the 5,000 meters in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Outdoor Track Championships, and is the most decorated track athlete in UNCG history;

WHEREAS, during his athletic career, he was a three-time Southern Conference Cross Country Champion as well as a six-time All-America recipient;

WHEREAS, Mr. Chelimo achieved a personal best time of 13:19.54 in the prelim of the 5000 meters at the 2016 Rio Summer Olympics, and set a new personal best of 13:03.90 in the medal race;

WHEREAS, Mr. Chelimo was the first Spartan to qualify and become part of the U.S.A. National Team in the 2016 Rio Olympics;

WHEREAS, he was the first medal winner for the United States in the event since Bob Schul in the 1964 Summer Olympics held in Tokyo.

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

That it hereby recognizes and congratulates Paul Chelimo on winning the Silver Medal in the 5000 meters at the 2016 Rio Olympics.