

RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE LATE  
ARTHUR 'ART' DAVIS, III

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2017 this community lost one of its outstanding community leaders with the passing of the late Arthur 'Art' Davis, III;

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis, a native of Fayetteville, North Carolina, achieved Scouting's Eagle Award before graduating from E.E Smith High School. Mr. Davis graduated from Morehouse College in 1965; went on to receive an EEO Fellowship to Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh where he earned a diploma in Urban Community Development; and, in 1966, was the recipient of a Jesse B. Noyes Fellowship to the University of Pittsburgh where he received his Master's Degree in Public Administration with a concentration in Urban Politics;

WHEREAS, upon graduation, Mr. Davis began his career as a lecturer/instructor at North Carolina A&T State University and Guilford College;

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis began his 37 year public service career with the City of Greensboro Planning Department in 1969;

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis was the recipient of numerous awards and citations including but not limited to the City of Greensboro, Greensboro Metropolitan YMCA, Hayes Taylor YMCA, Greensboro Chapter NAACP, Greensboro Human Relations Commission, Greensboro Neighborhood Congress, US Census Bureau, and the Nat Green Sertoma Club;

WHEREAS, other accolades and community volunteer positions include the Hayes-Taylor Man of the Year, Old North State Council Silver Beaver, Co-Chair Award – Greensboro Neighborhood Congress, Co-host of the Bottom Line Radio Show-WNAA 90.1, Vice-Chair of Community Housing Solutions, GTCC-Greensboro Campus Advisory Board, Guilford County Unity Effort and District 1 representative/liaison for the Greensboro Neighborhood Congress and Greensboro Community Sustainability Council;

WHEREAS, as an active member in the community Mr. Davis was a member of the following organizations: Hayes Taylor YMCA (Life Member, Sustaining Campaign co-chair, Heritage Society, Long Range Planning Building Committee Awards Board Chair), Community Housing Solutions (Vice-Chairman), Greensboro Voter Alliance, Partnership Homes, Building Strong Neighborhood Grants Committee, Nat Greene Sertoma Club, Concerned Citizens for Economic and Environmental Justice, Piedmont Together-Housing Work Group, Old North State Council, Eagle Council, Community Outreach Committee, Guilford County Board of Equalization and Review, Eastside Community Center Board; a member of the local Greensboro Chapter of the NAACP; and a founding member of the North Carolina Triad Chapter of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators (NFBPA) since its inception and charter in 1990;

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis attended Kingdom Global Ministries in Fayetteville, North Carolina, and Wells Memorial Church of God in Christ in Greensboro, North Carolina;

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 Art Davis 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 wishes to express its condolences, and offer its sincere appreciation and gratitude for Arthur 'Art' Davis', III many years of dedicated public service. His legacy will be remembered by the outstanding contributions he has made to the community.
2. That a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the family of the late Arthur 'Art' Davis, III as a symbol of the gratitude of the people of Greensboro for his many contributions to this community.