

RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE LATE  
LORENZO “LOGIE” MEACHUM

WHEREAS, on December 29, 2018, this community lost one of its outstanding community leaders with the passing of Storyteller and Blues Musician Lorenzo “Logie” Meachum;

WHEREAS, Meachum, a native of Greensboro, North Carolina attended an all-black Catholic School, “Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal School”; and later became one of the early integrator’s in the Guilford County Public School System;

WHEREAS, he graduated with honors from the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (A & T) with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Technical Theater with a concentration in Lighting and Design; continued his education by pursuing a Master’s Degree in Educational Theater from Virginia Polytechnic and State University in the spring of 1994; and in continuing his education, he needed one class to complete the PhD program for a Doctorate degree at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG);

WHEREAS, Meachum growing up in a musical environment listening to Sam Cooke and the Platters, he had the honor to work with icons such as Sammy Davis Jr., Tony Bennett, Roberta Flack, The McGuire Sisters, and Bill Cosby at Harrah’s Broadway By the Bay Casino;

WHEREAS, he provided the musical component to an A & T play with William “Bubba” Klinefelter in 1998 earning an invite to perform at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC;

WHEREAS, Meachum and Klinefelter later produced the “Bump and Logie After Hours” album;

WHEREAS, Meachum along with Klinefelter won the Piedmont Blues Preservation Society competition in 2007 which qualified the two to represent the Society at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis, Tennessee;

WHEREAS, he represented the country by serving in the United States Marine Corps; worked at Fire Station #52 in Greensboro as a firefighter; and held positions at UNCG Department of African American and African Studies and Winston Salem State University as an instructor;

WHEREAS, Meachum served on the Friends of the UNCG Library Board of Directors; published a literary essay, “Sweet Magnolia” in 2015 in the “27 Views of Greensboro”; and authored the “Great Goodley Moogley” children’s book in 2016;

WHEREAS, realizing the value to have an impact on the life of a child, during Meachum's 30 year commitment to children as an educator and consultant, he traveled the country for six years performing various children's art programs including the "Poetry Alive!" and "Blues in the Schools" initiatives;

WHEREAS, Meachum also performed on stages across the country and overseas as a blues performer where he always invited the audience to recognize the goodness of God and to participate in what he called The Second Greater Recreationalist Congregation;

WHEREAS, he won the Triangle Blues Society's Blues Challenge in 2017 which lead to a second performance at the International Blues Challenge;

WHEREAS, Meachum was best known for his arts and cultural contributions; and was instrumental in establishing the Piedmont Blues Preservation Society of Greensboro;

WHEREAS, Meachum was rewarded for his contributions in the arts earning accolades such as the O'Henry Lifetime Achievement in the Arts Award in 1999; and the Greensboro Public Library's Literary Laurel Award in 2000;

WHEREAS, Meachum performed and played a key role in recruiting the National Folk Festival to Greensboro from 2015-2017;

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 Lorenzo "Logie" Meachum, 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 his 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 Lorenzo "Logie" Meachum as a symbol of the gratitude of the people of Greensboro for his many contributions to this community.