

RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE LATE
OFFICER JARED WILLIAM FRANKS

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2018, the City of Greensboro and the Greensboro Police Department lost one of its outstanding members with the passing of Officer Jared William Franks, at age 24, that while in the line of duty, was involved in a vehicular accident in the pursuit of a suspect;

WHEREAS, Officer Franks was born on June 19, 1994 in Alamance County, North Carolina;

WHEREAS, he attended Burlington Christian Academy for elementary, middle and high school, graduating on June 2, 2012 at age 17;

WHEREAS, Officer Franks participated in the Duke Talent Identification Program (TIP) which supports academically talented students by supporting year-round programs to supplement high school studies;

WHEREAS, Officer Franks, while attending Western Alamance High School, accompanied freshman class representative and Homecoming Queen a friend with Downs Syndrome, to the Homecoming Ceremony, exemplifying friendship and compassion;

WHEREAS, he received the Alamance County Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service while attending high school;

WHEREAS, Officer Franks was a lifelong member of Christian Bible Fellowship in Gibsonville, NC; participated in the Awana Ministry; youth mission trips to West Virginia; and the Evangelical Explosion Ministry as the only youth member;

WHEREAS, he loved the outdoors, whether it be hiking, farming, camping, fishing, playing baseball or football;

WHEREAS, Officer Franks attended Western Carolina University, Cullowhee NC, to study Criminal Justice; was a member of the National Honor Society of Leadership and Success; and awarded a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice on May 7, 2016 at age 22;

WHEREAS, Officer Franks was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha, a Christian fraternity designed to inspire and equip men to lead an ethical life of growth, service, and leadership;

WHEREAS, his dream, from the age of four, was to follow in the footsteps of his family to become a police officer;

WHEREAS, Officer Franks began a career with the Greensboro Police Department (GPD) as part of the 101st recruiting class in 2016 at age 22; and served over two and one-half years in the District Two Patrol Division;

WHEREAS, he was recognized and awarded the Lifesaving Medal from the GPD for rendering first aid to a severely wounded victim on July 9, 2017;

WHEREAS, Officer Franks possessed a humble spirit; was loyal, and kind; loved helping people; and will be remembered as a man who put others first;

WHEREAS, Michael Brown, M.A., M.Ed., Head of School for Burlington Christian Academy stated “we ... have a large sense of thanksgiving because we had the good fortune of having Jared as part of our lives. ... Jared touched us with his grace, warmth, humor, and his endearing and charming ways. We are thankful because our lives have been made better for knowing Jared as a friend, a son, and a brother. ... As Moses said ... The eternal God is your refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms.”

WHEREAS, his memory was honored by North Carolina House Resolution 1116 sponsored by Representatives Jon Hardister, John Faircloth, John Blust and Pricey Harrison with an overwhelming majority of 110 affirmative votes on December 5, 2018;

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to express its sense of loss and sincere appreciation and gratitude for the years of dedicated public service rendered by Officer Jared William Franks, the outstanding contributions he made to the community and the legacy he leaves us all.

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 years of devoted service to the community and dedicated public service. His legacy will be remembered by the outstanding contributions he made to the community, friends, colleagues, and family.
2. That a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the family of the late Officer Jared William Franks as a symbol of the gratitude of the people of Greensboro for his many contributions to this community.