

RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE LATE
J. DOUGLAS GALYON, SR.

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2019, this community lost one of its outstanding community leaders with the passing of the late J. Douglas Galyon, Sr.;

WHEREAS, Mr. Galyon was born in Knoxville, Tennessee on September 5, 1930; and moved to Greensboro, North Carolina (NC) at age 13;

WHEREAS, he graduated from Greensboro High School, now known as Grimsley High School in 1949; attended Duke University in Durham, NC; and graduated from Guilford College in 1953;

WHEREAS, Mr. Galyon served our country in the United States Marine Corps from 1954 to 1956;

WHEREAS, his successful textile career included extended service with Burlington Industries, Allied Chemical, and Guilford Mills;

WHEREAS, Mr. Galyon believed in civic duty; volunteered with the Greensboro Sports Council; Greensboro Jaycees; Guilford College Board of Visitors; Greensboro Rotary Club; and Iron Dukes, an organization to provide resources to Duke University student-athletes;

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in facilitating the return of the Professional Golf Association (PGA) tour to the Greater Greensboro Open, now widely known as the Wyndham Championship; and securing airing of the tournament on the national broadcast television station, CBS in 1988;

WHEREAS, Mr. Galyon served on the Greensboro War Memorial Commission, from 1976 to 1981; the Greensboro City Council from 1981 to 1983; and the Guilford County Board of Commissioners from 1985 to 1988 to which he was twice elected as the Vice Chairman to the Board;

WHEREAS, he was a vital member of the North Carolina Board of Transportation, representing the Greensboro area from 1992 through 2008; chaired the Board of Transportation for nine years; and was influential in key policy and planning decisions which continued to label North Carolina as a “Good Roads State”, based on a national movement for road construction and maintenance in rural areas and from which the North Carolina State Highway Commission, now the North Carolina Department of Transportation, was founded;

WHEREAS, in honor of Mr. Galyon’s transportation-related achievements, the City of Greensboro named the 1927 railroad depot the “J. Douglas Galyon Depot” after the facility’s redesign and restoration to a multi-model terminal for trains, buses, and other ground transport; and in November 2019 Governor Roy Cooper dedicated a portion of the Greensboro Urban Loop in honor of Mr. Galyon;

WHEREAS, he helped inspire a regional transit program in 1997 which grew to become the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART); made advancements towards creating the Greensboro Urban Loop; and had significant involvement in the Piedmont Triad International Airport (PTIA) taxiway bridge relocation which created the availability of hundreds of acres for aviation-related development;

WHEREAS, Mr. Galyon was awarded the prestigious Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the state's highest civilian honor, by Governor Beverly Perdue on January 5, 2001 for exemplary service to the State of North Carolina; and

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

1. That the City Council wishes to express its sense of loss and offer its condolences, sincere appreciation and gratitude for the many years of dedicated public service by J. Douglas Galyon, Sr. The legacy he leaves will be remembered by the people of Greensboro.
2. That a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the family of the late J. Douglas Galyon, Sr. as a symbol of the gratitude of the citizens of the City of Greensboro and the State of North Carolina for his many contributions to this community and beyond.