

RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE LATE
STEPHEN DALE SHOWFETY

WHEREAS, on October 31, 2019, this community lost one of its outstanding community leaders with the passing of the late Stephen Dale Showfety;

WHEREAS, Mr. Showfety, born on March 10, 1947, a native of Guilford County and resident until his passing at the age of 72;

WHEREAS, Mr. Showfety graduated from Grimsley High School in 1965; earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from East Carolina University (ECU) in 1970; and was a 1982 graduate of Leadership Greensboro;

WHEREAS, he remained active with the ECU by serving six years as an officer of the ECU Board of Visitors; an eight year member of the Board of Trustees where he served six years as an officer and two years as Chairman; served as a member of the Board of the ECU Foundation; and was recognized with the Distinguished Service Award in 2008 and the Advocacy Award in 2018;

WHEREAS, Mr. Showfety began his 41 year career with The Koury Corporation in 1978 where he served as President, retiring in 2019; and during his time with the corporation, he remodeled the Sheraton Hotel and Koury Convention Center with a 22-month, \$30 million renovation;

WHEREAS, as an active member with local community boards and commissions, Mr. Showfety served three terms as Treasurer with the Greensboro Regional Realtors Association, and as Chairman of the Commercial and Industrial Division; served on the Greensboro Builders Association, Greensboro Merchants Association, Greensboro Area Chamber of Commerce, Greensboro Economic Development Alliance, Triad Real Estate Building Industry Coalition, the Greensboro Convention and Visitors Bureau, served as a past President and Chairman of the Greensboro Sports Council; the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNC-G) Human Environmental Sciences Foundation; Central North Carolina Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society; served as Chairman of the Board for the Piedmont Triad Airport Authority (PTI); and continued to participate in PTI board meetings via telephone until his passing;

WHEREAS, in 2019 he was awarded the Stanley Frank Economic and Workforce Development Award by the Greensboro Area Chamber of Commerce; and the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the highest civilian honor, in 2019 from North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper;

WHEREAS, Mr. Showfety was repeatedly identified by the Triad Business Journal as one of the area's "Most Influential People"; and Business North Carolina listed him among its "Power 100";

WHEREAS, he provided valuable service to the community by demonstrating a strong work ethic; and instilled hard work, commitment, and the importance of education;

WHEREAS, Mr. Showfety was described as a respected business leader that displayed the values of kindness, humor, humbleness, faith, and generosity; and

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 the many years of dedicated public service of Stephen Dale Showfety. His legacy will be remembered by the outstanding contributions he made.
2. That a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the family of the late Stephen Dale Showfety as a symbol of the gratitude of the people of Greensboro for his devoted support and contributions to the community.