

RESOLUTION HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF
ELIZABETH H. MCKINNON AS THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN FEMALE
TRANSIT OPERATOR IN GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, Greensboro Public Transportation (GTA) services were initially provided by Duke Power Transit Company in the early 1900's;

WHEREAS, on June 22, 1981, Duke Power Transit Company with its expansion following segregation began the employment of Greensboro's first African-American female bus driver;

WHEREAS, Elizabeth H. McKinnon accepted the position with humility and determination to blaze a path for other African-American women in Public Transportation;

WHEREAS, Mrs. McKinnon, known affectionately by fellow drivers and riders alike as "Liz" provided 40 years of professional service to the Gate City Community;

WHEREAS, she embodied the role gracefully with every person she touched at Greensboro Transit Agency, giving credit to her parents for her personal development and drive;

WHEREAS, she began her behind-the-wheel experience transporting students on school buses;

WHEREAS, working in public transportation, Mrs. McKinnon adapted to changing transit technologies, driving a range of vehicles from 1980's diesel to 2020 battery-electric buses;

WHEREAS, she served as a role model to young and old, maintaining a consistent presence in the driver's seat, as well as participating in GTA public outreach events;

WHEREAS, Mrs. McKinnon hung up her transit operator's cap on the first day of Black History Month, February 1, 2021, retiring after 40 years of service; and

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

1. That the City Council wishes to honor Mrs. Elizabeth H. McKinnon for serving as a symbol of excellence in public transportation, black history, and in the community.
2. That a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to Mrs. Elizabeth H. McKinnon as a symbol of the gratitude of the people of Greensboro for her many years of service to Duke Power Transit Company and the City of Greensboro.