

Resolution to Honor and to Support the Dedication of Greensboro Fire Station #7 for Former  
Greensboro Fire Department Fire Chief Ray K. Flowers

Whereas, Ray K. Flowers began employment with the City of Greensboro Fire Department (GFD) in 1961 as one of the first African American firefighters with the GFD;

Whereas, setting a legacy within the GFD, Former Fire Chief Flowers was also the first African American to become a Battalion Fire Chief, an Assistant Fire Chief, and Deputy Fire Chief;

Whereas, making history, Former Fire Chief Flowers served the City of Greensboro as the first, and thus far the only, African American Fire Chief of the Greensboro Fire Department from 1993 to 1999;

Whereas, continuing to make history, Former Fire Chief Flowers led the GFD to become only one of seven fire departments globally to achieve accreditation with The Commission on Fire Accreditation International;

Whereas, the GFD was the first of few fire departments to achieve accreditation with The Commission on Fire Accreditation International and maintain an Insurance Service Office (ISO) Class 1 rating;

Whereas, in addition to serving the City in a formal capacity, Former Fire Chief Flowers has made a mark within the community with participation in the Prince Hall Mason Freemasonry which is a branch of the North American Freemasonry for African Americans founded in 1784;

Whereas, Former Fire Chief Flowers is a member and past Master of Morning Star Lodge #691 (PHA), a member of Greensboro Consistory # 106 A.A.S.R. of Freemasonry (PHA), and a member and past Potentate of Khalif Temple #144 A.E.A.O.N.M.S., Inc.;

Whereas, he was a long time member of Reid Memorial CME Church where he served on the Finance Committee and as President of the Steward Board;

Whereas, Former Fire Chief Flowers currently holds membership at Bethel AME Church and has also served as a member of the Steward Board, has participated in hosting the Bethel Golf Tournament, and has partnered with the initiation of a Public Safety recognition day;

Whereas, in appreciation and honor of Former Fire Chief Flowers, Samet Corporation will place a bronze plaque of dedication on Fire Station #7; and

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

1. That the City Council wishes to express its deep gratitude and appreciation to Former Greensboro Fire Chief Ray K. Flowers for his many years of dedicated public service and outstanding contributions to the community.

2. That the City Council wishes to express its support for the dedication of Greensboro Fire Station #7 in honor of Former Fire Chief Ray K. Flowers.
3. That a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to Former Fire Chief Ray K. Flowers as a symbol of the gratitude of the people of Greensboro for his devoted support and contributions to this community.