

RESOLUTION NO. 13489-22

RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM

THE HONORABLE WOODROW M. BROWN, JR.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia, records with deep and profound sadness the death of Woodrow M. Brown, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Woodrow M. Brown, Jr. graduated from Huntington High School in 1962, earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business from Hampton Institute (now Hampton University) and went on to earn a Master of Divinity Degree from Virginia Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Woodrow M. Brown, Jr. served in the United States Army for two years, having served in Vietnam and was a Purple Heart recipient; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, Woodrow M. Brown, Jr. became Assistant Pastor of First Baptist Church East End, Newport News, VA serving under his father, Pastor Woodrow M. Brown, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Woodrow M. Brown, Jr. served as Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church East End, Newport News, VA from 1985 to 2000. At the time of his passing, he was Pastor Emeritus of the church; and

WHEREAS, Woodrow M. Brown, Jr. was elected to the Newport News City Council in 1984 becoming the first African American man elected to the city council. He served as a Council Member until 1988; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a member of City Council, Woodrow M. Brown, Jr. served as a member of the Newport News Planning Commission; the Virginia Peninsula Economic Development Council; the Peninsula Planning District Commission; and he represented the City of Newport News on a visit to sister city Neyagawa, Osaka, Japan; and

WHEREAS, Woodrow M. Brown, Jr. is survived by his wife of 54 years, Elaine Brown; two children, Woodrow Brown and Robert Brown; five grandchildren, Vittorio, Isabella, Isaiah, Judah, and Aurum; and four siblings, Woodrena Curtis, Rodgerline Vann, Renee Holloman, and Maurice Angenvine; and

WHEREAS, the product of his civic and religious activities touched the lives of many, and the death of Woodrow M. Brown, Jr. creates a void in the community which this Council wishes to recognize.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia:

1. That it hereby recognizes all that Woodrow M. Brown, Jr. has done to serve the City of Newport News and for his many contributions to the quality of life of this community.

2. That it is ordered that the City Clerk shall record this resolution in the minutes of this body and that a copy be presented to the family of the late Woodrow M. Brown, Jr.

3. That this resolution shall be in effect on and after the date of its adoption, January 11, 2022.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS ON JANUARY 11, 2022

Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC
City Clerk

McKinley L. Price, DDS
Mayor

A true copy, teste:

City Clerk