

RESOLUTION NO. 13491-22

RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM E. FITZGERALD

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia, records with deep and profound sadness the death of William E. Fitzgerald; and

WHEREAS, William E. Fitzgerald was born in Newport News, Virginia and was a lifelong resident of the City. He attended Newport News High School; and

WHEREAS, William E. Fitzgerald served in the United States Army as a member of the 82nd Airborne Division; and

WHEREAS, William E. Fitzgerald made his career in the insurance industry working first for Franklin Life, before forming his own agency, Fitzgerald and Associates; and

WHEREAS, William E. Fitzgerald was elected to the Newport News City Council in 1988 and served until 1992. He served as Vice Mayor from 1990 to 1992; and

WHEREAS, while Vice Mayor, William E. Fitzgerald served as Chair of the Community Involvement Task Force which was established by the Newport News City Council on November 27, 1990 for the purpose of taking a proactive approach to addressing problems at apartment buildings in the City of Newport News; and

WHEREAS, William E. Fitzgerald was appointed by Governor James S. Gilmore, III as a member of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel Committee and as a citizen member of the Joint Subcommittee to Study Regulatory Responsibilities, Policies, and Activities of the State Corporation Commission; and

WHEREAS, William E. Fitzgerald also served on the Newport News Planning Commission and the USS Newport News Liaison Commission. He served as a member the National League of Cities, Community and Economic Development Committee, as Vice Chair of the Virginia Municipal League Transportation Committee, and on the Executive Board of the Virginia Peninsula Economic Development Council; and

WHEREAS, William E. Fitzgerald was predeceased by his wife of 44 years, Joyce Fitzgerald and his step-daughter Elaine McAllister. He is survived by his wife, Maggie Fitzgerald; two children, Mary Anne Sanford and William Corandine; a step-daughter, Lynn Fields; step-grandchildren, Russell Fields, Shaun Fields, Jeremy McAllister, and Jennifer Finch; two step-great grandchildren; and two brothers, Robert Fitzgerald and Gary Fitzgerald; and

WHEREAS, William E. Fitzgerald touched the lives of many through his civic activities and his devotion to the betterment of Newport News. His passing 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 is hereby recognizes all that William E. Fitzgerald 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 William E. Fitzgerald.

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