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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Ralph C. Johnson, American politician, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality and character of life in this great Nation is indelibly enriched by the faithful and caring efforts of those who devoted their life to public service; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to commemorate the purposeful life and distinguished career of Ralph C. Johnson, native New Yorker and North Carolina State Representative, and to express its sincerest sorrow upon the occasion of his death; and

WHEREAS, Ralph C. Johnson of Greensboro, North Carolina, died on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, at the age of 62; and

WHEREAS, Born on December 17, 1953, Ralph C. Johnson was raised in New York City, New York; in 1979, he earned his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University; and

WHEREAS, After graduating, Ralph C. Johnson remained in North Carolina, and lived and worked in Greensboro, North Carolina, for more than 40 years; and

WHEREAS, A hard-working member of the home improvement industry, Ralph C. Johnson held the position of Construction Sales Manager at Wickes Lumber and Lowes Hardware; in addition, he worked in Sales and Marketing at the CAROLINA PEACEMAKER, Greensboro's African American Community Newspaper; later, he branched out to start his own home improvement business, Homesite Remodeling Company; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to his community, Ralph C. Johnson held numerous leadership positions in various organizations such as co-Chairman of the Concerned Citizens of Northeast Greensboro, Greensboro Zoning Commis-

sioner, and Vice-President of the Greensboro Groove Phi Groove Graduate Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Ralph C. Johnson was also a vital member of the New Light Missionary Baptist Church, Friends of the Library Board of Directors, Eastside Civitan Club, and Citizens for Economic and Environmental Justice, as well as Action Greensboro Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, Ralph C. Johnson was appointed to serve out the remaining term of Congresswoman Alma Adams in the North Carolina House of Representatives; one year later, he was elected to the position, proudly serving the citizens of the 58th district; and

WHEREAS, Passionate about the plight of veterans, remembering the handicapped, recognizing all branches of the military, eradicating bullying in schools, as well as promoting school bus safety, Representative Ralph C. Johnson was the co-sponsor of 32 bills that were signed into law; and

WHEREAS, As a distinguished member of the North Carolina House, Representative Ralph C. Johnson sat on numerous committees including Appropriations, Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety, Education - Universities, Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs, Judiciary IV, Public Utilities, State Personnel, North Carolina Legislative Black Caucus and Guilford County Delegation; and

WHEREAS, Ralph C. Johnson is survived by his brother, Glenn Johnson; a stepdaughter, Whitney Knight; three uncles, Amos Reid, Prince (Maude) Reid, and Horace Jacobs; four aunts, Candy Johnson, Anne Johnson, Emma Johnson, and Christine Reid; family members, Geraldine Collins, Pattie Jacobs, Sylvia Johnson, Margaret Ubah and Barbara Carter; as well as a host of cousins, family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, In appreciation of his life of commitment, dedication and substantial contribution, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records this tribute to the memory of Ralph C. Johnson that future generations may know and appreciate his admirable character,

his many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which he was held; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Ralph C. Johnson, American politician, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Ralph C. Johnson.