

RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF  
THE LATE DOCTOR JOYCE MARTIN DIXON

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2022, the community lost one of its most generous benefactors with the passing of the late Dr. Joyce Martin Dixon;

WHEREAS, Dr. Dixon was born in Greensboro, NC on March 26, 1934; she graduated from James B. Dudley High School in 1952; and then Bennett College for Women in 1956;

WHEREAS, in 1954, she married her childhood sweetheart, Lt. Colonel Jacob Dixon, Jr.; bore two children; Janice Gail, who passed at five (5) years of age in Germany; and Jacob III, a Captain in the United States Air Force, who perished at the age of 27;

WHEREAS, Colonel and Dr. Dixon created an annual scholarship fund in their daughter's memory;

WHEREAS, in retirement, Dr. Dixon co-founded with her husband Creative Management Technology, Inc.; a government services firm providing integrated operations; maintenance; logistical; and custodial services to government and private clients nationwide;

WHEREAS, Dr. Dixon, through a variety of positions and careers held, became an international leader, leaving a global footprint; she initiated Linkages to Life, an organ, tissue, and bone marrow donation awareness program; assisted with the building of several South African schools; and honored everyday people through such programs and initiatives as: Unsung Heroes; Shirts of Color; Blue Collar Professions; Mama, it's Okay to Stay Home and Raise Your Children;

WHEREAS, Dr. Dixon was an enthusiastic philanthropist with projects and campaigns close to her heart; Dr. Dixon collaborated with a team of nine (9) women to professionally decorate parlors in five residential halls and one academic hall on the property of her alma mater, Bennett College; in 2007, and she coordinated the placement of a fitness center and a beauty shop on the Bennett College campus;

WHEREAS, Dr. Dixon donated the largest alumna bestowment, \$1 million, in the history of Bennett College for the Martin Dixon Intergenerational Center; which was built on the same site where her father had operated a barber shop in the 1940s; and, she continued to fund additional improvements and projects on, around, and on behalf of Bennett College;

WHEREAS, Dr. Dixon was the recipient of numerous awards and honors for her leadership roles from Bennett College which included an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, and the Woman of Substance Award; additionally, she was honored with the United Negro's College Fund's Outstanding Alumna Award; and named Brevard County's (Florida) Woman of Distinction;

WHEREAS, Dr. Dixon served on numerous boards and commissions, including; Brevard Community College Board of Trustees; Vice-Chair of The Astronauts Memorial Foundation Board; Director of the Southern Area of The Links, Inc.; President of the Cocoa Beach Women's

Golf Association; and the Hayes-Taylor Memorial Young Men's Christian Association Board of Management;

WHEREAS, Dr. Dixon continued to be active throughout the Greensboro community; and her home church, Providence Baptist Church; and

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

1. That the City Council wishes to express its sense of loss and offer its condolences, sincere appreciation, and gratitude for the many years of dedicated public service and philanthropy by Dr. Joyce Martin Dixon. The legacy she leaves will be remembered by the residents of Greensboro.
2. That a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the family of the late Dr. Joyce Martin Dixon as a symbol of the gratitude of the residents of the City of Greensboro and the students and alumni of Bennett College for her contributions locally and worldwide.