

RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE LATE MILDRED ENNIS RAY MCLEAN

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2023, the community lost an outstanding community member with the passing of the late Mildred Ennis Ray McLean;

WHEREAS, Mildred Ennis Ray McLean was born in Lillington, North Carolina on June 8th, 1934; graduated from Shawtown High School (now Lillington High School); and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from into Fayetteville State Teachers College (now Fayetteville State University);

WHEREAS, Mrs. McLean continued her studies at the University of Alabama, North Carolina Central University, and North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University;

WHEREAS, Mrs. McLean taught in the public-school systems of Lillington, NC, Goldsboro, NC, Durham, NC, and in Montgomery, Alabama;

WHEREAS, Mrs. McLean understood civic responsibilities, as she participated in the Civil Rights Marches of the early 1960's;

WHEREAS, when her husband was appointed to the historic Old Ship A.M.E. Zion Church in Montgomery, Alabama, Mrs. McLean started the Church's first Head Start Program in the church basement;

WHEREAS, with a passion for the spiritual formation of children, Mrs. McLean devoted a 24-year career with United Day Care of Greensboro; she served as a teacher at Metropolitan Day Care; and retired as the Director of the Ray Warren Day Care Center;

WHEREAS, Mrs. McLean served as a local Buds Superintendent; led the Victoria Richardson Missionary Society and coordinated the annual Kiddie Cotillion Fundraiser for many years;

WHEREAS, Mrs. McLean also served as a District Buds Superintendent; and as the immediate past President of the Greensboro District Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society (WH&OMS);

WHEREAS, her passion for children was also manifested in her work in the Christian Education Department of Trinity A.M.E. Zion Church, where she served as a Sunday School Teacher, Children's Director, Vacation Bible School Director, and hosted Easter egg hunts;

WHEREAS, Mrs. McLean was consecrated as a Deaconess; and was a member of the Sanctuary Choir, the Gospel Choir, and the Women's Chorus;

WHEREAS, Mrs. McLean served as a Class Leader, Girl Scout Leader, a Life Matron of the WH&OMS; was a member of the Music Committee and the Half Century Club of Trinity Church; and in 2013, was inducted into the Livingstone College Hall of Fame; 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, to the family and friends of Mildred Ennis Ray McLean. 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 Mildred Ennis Ray McLean as a symbol of the gratitude of the City of Greensboro for her contributions in the community.