

RESOLUTION HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF REVEREND
STEVE ALLEN

WHEREAS, Steve Allen grew up in the Shiloh community in Greensboro, North Carolina (NC) in segregated Catholic schools; and graduated from Dudley high school as Salutatorian;

WHEREAS, he continued his education at the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (A&T); followed by the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill Law School (UNC); during that time, Mr. Allen became a civil rights activist;

WHEREAS, upon graduation from UNC in 1978, he worked as a Research Assistant for the first African-American judge on the North Carolina Court of Appeals;

WHEREAS, in 1979 he founded one of the first African- American law firms in Greensboro; took on civil rights cases as a trial lawyer; and in 1988 he was the first black person elected superior court judge in Guilford County;

WHEREAS, Mr. Allen created a first – time offenders diversionary program; providing instrumental changes in the judicial culture towards fairness;

WHEREAS, after stepping down from Superior Court Judge, Mr. Allen became the Pastor at Shiloh Baptist Church where he'd been a lifelong member; there he continued his journey of service and civic activism;

WHEREAS, Mr. Allen has served as the eleventh Pastor to Shiloh Baptist Church for the last eight years; he shepherded the congregation through times of joyous milestones, and offered solace in times of grief; his acts of preaching, teaching, and living as an example has given life to the church's motto "Shiloh Cares About People";

WHEREAS, his retirement is not seen as an end of his ministry, but the blossoming of sown seeds planted through his guidance; and

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

1. That the City Council wishes to recognize the retirement of Reverend Steve Allen and express its sense of admiration for the dedication and time given to help reshape our community.
2. That a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to Reverend Steve Allen as a symbol of gratitude of the City of Greensboro for his contribution to the community.