

RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE LATE THOMAS RICHARD BEARD SENIOR

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2023, the community lost an outstanding community member with the passing of the late Thomas Richard Beard Senior (Sr);

WHEREAS, Mr. Beard was born in Greensboro on October 2, 1932; was a proud graduate of Christ School in Arden, NC; attended Davidson College; graduated from Bowling Green Business University (now Western Kentucky University); and was honorably discharged from the United States Army in 1956;

WHEREAS, after the Army, Mr. Beard joined his father in the hardwood lumber business; later created one of the most respected hardwood lumber wholesale companies in the world – Beard Hardwoods, Inc. as the company became a top United States exporter to the Asian furniture industry;

WHEREAS, Mr. Beard served at First Presbyterian Church as a deacon and an elder; sang in the church choir for more than 30 years; and made a concerted effort to give back to his Alma Mater, Christ School, serving many years on the school's Board of Trustees;

WHEREAS, he was an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Greensboro; the Greensboro Country Club; and served on the Board of the River Landing retirement community;

WHEREAS, Mr. Beard served on many industry boards, including the National Hardwood Lumber Association; Appalachian Lumberman's club; the Appalachian Hardwood Manufactures Association; North Carolina Forestry Association; North Carolina Export Council; and the North Carolina Ports Advisory;

WHEREAS, Mr. Beard loved golf, and was very proud to have hit a hole in one at the age of 72; 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 gratitude and offer its condolences, to the family and friends of Thomas Richard Beard Sr. The legacy he 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 Thomas Richard Beard Sr. as a symbol of the gratitude of the City of Greensboro for his contributions in the community.