

RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF
THE LATE DAVID (D.H.) GRIFFIN, SR.

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2024, this community lost an outstanding business and community leader with the passing of the late David (D.H) Griffin, Sr.;

WHEREAS, D.H. Griffin, Sr., a native of Rockingham County, NC was born on March 12, 1939; at an early age, learned the value of dedicated hard work; and discontinued schooling in the 8th grade to work the family farm;

WHEREAS, Mr. Griffin, Sr. secured employment with Lorillard Tobacco; it was there he met his wife, whom he married on Christmas Eve, 1958 and they had three children together;

WHEREAS, Mr. Griffin, Sr. enjoyed trading and dealing, and had an entrepreneurial spirit; in 1959, with only a pick-up truck, he and his wife founded D.H. Griffin Wrecking Company; their first demo project was dismantling a church by hand, in which the materials were recycled to build their first home;

WHEREAS, his company, which began as a small, local business expanded to nationwide renown under his leadership;

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2001, D.H. Griffin Companies led all demolition operations at the World Trade Center site, the largest project in the company's history; the site spanned 17 million square feet; with 275,000 tons of steel and 1.8 million tons of debris removed; crews worked around the clock seven days a week, completing the project eight months ahead of schedule;

WHEREAS, D.H. Griffin, Sr. was a community leader and was a founding member of Shining Light Baptist Church;

WHEREAS, Mr. Griffin, Sr. will be remembered throughout Greensboro, the Piedmont Triad region, and nationally as a devoted family man, a mentor, and a friend to many; 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 decades of dedicated hard work and economic development David (D.H.) Griffin, Sr. provided and brought to the City of Greensboro and beyond.
2. That a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the family of the late Mr. David (D.H.) Griffin, Sr. as a symbol of the gratitude of the residents of the City of Greensboro for his contributions locally and nationally.