

RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF THE LATE SYVIE CLONINGER

WHEREAS, on August 9, 2024, the community lost Syvie Cloninger, a dedicated community member, who's passing is deeply mourned by all who knew her;

WHEREAS, Ms. Cloninger was born on June 9, 1938 in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania; and attended Eastern High School in Baltimore, MD;

WHEREAS, after receiving a degree in Kindergarten Education from Marjorie Webster Junior College, Ms. Cloninger attended Bard-Avon School receiving a certificate in Stenography;

WHEREAS, choosing to continue her education, Ms. Cloninger proudly completed her undergraduate degree at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro;

WHEREAS, having a creative spirit, she enjoyed expressing herself through drawing, scrapbooking, needlepointing and designing shadow boxes;

WHEREAS, in 1976, with a desire to commemorate the nation's bicentennial year, Ms. Cloninger led an art initiative to demonstrate to the residents of Greensboro our mutual care and concern for each other;

WHEREAS, the artwork was planned to incorporate textiles while showcasing the structures of Greensboro; and offered a glimpse into the future; the group gathered at Ms. Cloninger's home, committing several months and approximately 749 hours into the project;

WHEREAS, on June 21, 1976, Ms. Cloninger and fellow members of the Greensboro Junior League presented the needlepoint piece and were honored for their dedicated efforts in creating the embroidered artwork entitled "City Alive";

WHEREAS, since June 21, 1976, for over 48 years, the artwork has been displayed in the City of Greensboro Council Chamber;

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro honors the life and legacy of Syvie Cloninger, recognizing her invaluable contributions to the community, her artistic talents, and her dedication to fostering unity and civic pride, ensuring her memory will inspire future generations and her impact will endure for years to come; 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. Syvie Cloninger's legacy will be remembered by the outstanding contributions she made.
2. A copy of this resolution shall be presented to the family of the late Syvie Cloninger, in recognition of her dedication and the countless hours she devoted to the creation of "City Alive," as a token of the City of Greensboro's deep appreciation for her lasting contributions to the community.