

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE "ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP DINNER AND TRIBUTE" TO JOHN P. FRANKLIN, SR. SPONSORED BY THE KAPPA FOUNDATION OF CHATTANOOGA.

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WHEREAS, the Kappa Foundation of Chattanooga is sponsoring an "Achievement Scholarship Dinner and Tribute" honoring one of Chattanooga's esteemed Pioneer Leaders, Mr. John P. Franklin, Sr., which is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2011, at the Chattanooga Convention and Trade Center; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Tribute is to support a scholarship fund in the name of John P. Franklin, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Franklin was the first African American elected at-large to the Chattanooga City Commission as Commissioner of Education and Health with ensuing service as Chairman of the Chattanooga Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, due to the high percentage of votes cast, he also served as Vice Mayor of the City of Chattanooga, a position he held for 14 years; and

WHEREAS, as an educator, Mr. Franklin was appointed the first Principal of the then newly constructed Alton Park Junior High School, which later was named the John P. Franklin Middle School in his honor; and

WHEREAS, he was the first African American to be elected President of the Tennessee School Boards Association, the only Black to be elected as President of the Tennessee Municipal League of Local Elected Officials and was elected to the Board of Directors of the National League of Cities and its Advisory Board.

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WHEREAS, Mr. Franklin is known throughout the community for his humanitarianism, he has held membership in numerous civic and social organizations and received numerous awards and recognitions.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, that this City Council wishes to offer this resolution in support of the scholarship dinner and tribute honoring former Commissioner and Vice Mayor, John P. Franklin, Sr.

Adopted:           April 19          , 2011

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