

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE SERVICE OF

JIM MERRITT

TO THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

WHEREAS, Jim Merritt served the Town of Chapel Hill as a Town Council Member from November 17, 2008, to December 7, 2009; and,

WHEREAS, Jim is a native son of Chapel Hill and has therefore provided the Town and the Council with insight and perspective that it otherwise would not have had; and,

WHEREAS, Jim is a dedicated and loving father and grandfather; and,

WHEREAS, Jim has spent his professional career as a guidance counselor and school administrator; and,

WHEREAS; Jim is passionate about investing in the youth to get job training and work experience programs; and,

WHEREAS; Jim has contributed to the Chapel Hill community in countless ways, including through his work organizing and initiating programs as Vice President of the OCTS-Lincoln High/Northside Alumni Association and working with disadvantaged members of the African American community to provide services that they may not be able to afford, such as the annual Thanksgiving food dinner; and,

WHEREAS; Jim is a veteran of the Vietnam War and received the purple heart for his service to our country; and,

WHEREAS, Jim served the community and the Council through his active participation on the following committees and work groups, lending his creative energy and thoughtful ideas:

Cemeteries Advisories Board
Chapel Hill Museum
Greenways Commission
Orange County Land Trust Affordable Housing Maintenance Task Force
Personnel Appeals Committee

WHEREAS, Jim's thoughtful and astute style, and his fun-loving spirit, and willingness to speak up for those in the community without a voice, has been invaluable to the Council; his fellow Council Members, along with citizens and employees will miss Jim.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that we hereby honor and thank

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for his outstanding service to the people of Chapel Hill and his willingness to serve the community as an elected leader; and we further resolve that Chapel Hill is a better place because of Jim.

This the 7th day of December, 2009.