

**RESOLUTION
MEMORIALIZING
A.J. HOWARD CLEMENT, III**

- WHEREAS,** *Howard Clement was born in Cleveland, North Carolina (Rowan County) on March 12, 1934 to the late Arthur J. Clement and Irma Robinson Clement; and*
- WHEREAS,** *in 1955, Howard Clement graduated from Howard University with a B.A. Degree in Political Science and History and in 1960 he graduated from the Howard University School of Law with a Bachelors of Law Degree; and*
- WHEREAS,** *on March 1, 1961 to December 31, 1991--Howard Clement was employed with North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Howard Clement joined thousands across the United States with the March on Washington featuring the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on August 28, 1963 as he listened to his "I Have a Dream" speech that represented a defining moment which stirred Howard into making a commitment to become more intimately involved in the life of his community; and*
- WHEREAS,** *after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. a group called the Black Solidarity Committee for Community Improvement was formed to channel the resulting anger into positive and meaningful action and Howard Clement served as chair - which was quite successful in obtaining better housing, employment and recreational opportunities; and, as a result of the action of this organization, many changes were made in Durham including the formation of the first Durham Human Relations Commission; and*
- WHEREAS,** *in August 1977, he was appointed to serve in the North Carolina House of Representatives where he served until 1979; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Howard was formerly married to Dolores Williams Clement (now deceased) for 41 years and to that union they were blessed with three children (Irma, Sandra and Marcella) and three grandchildren; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Boy Scouts was an active part of Howard Clement daily's routine; he was the first African American to Chair the Durham District of Boy Scouts; as a result of his relationship, the Occoneechee Council of Boy Scouts of America granted him its highest award—the Silver Beaver Award in 1982; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Howard Clement was a member of the St. Titus' Episcopal Church and served as Treasurer, Vestry Member, Licensed Lay Minister II, Chalicer, Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina Member, Chair of the North Carolina Episcopal Foundation and Chair of the Diocese of North Carolina; and*
- WHEREAS,** *in May of 1983, Howard Clement was appointed to the Durham City Council to fill the unexpired term of Councilman Maceo K. Sloan, elected to the Durham City Council for a four year term in November 1985 [having served 30 years of dedicated service and commitment as Council Member and Mayor Pro Tempore to the City of Durham and Citizens of Ward 2] -- City Council Liaison to the Durham Housing Authority and the Citizens Advisory Committee, Member of the Durham-Chapel Hill Study Group, Chairman of the Passenger Vehicle for Hire Committee, Chairman of the Towing Committee, delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1992 (12th Congressional District), delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1988 (2nd Congressional District) just to name a few; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Howard Clement was honored on Saturday, September 18, 2010 at the Durham Marriott Convention Center in celebration of his life and proceeds went to the Howard Clement Scholarship Fund; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Howard's Civic Affiliations were many such as: Member of the Board of Directors, Durham Chapter, American Red Cross, Operation Breakthrough, Habitat for Humanity and the Durham Public Education Network, Durham Rotary Club, Co-Chairman of the Crime Cabinet , Life Member of the NAACP, etc.; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Howard Clement was a Life Member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, member of the A. S. Hunter Lodge #825-Prince Hall Masons and the Alpha Tau Boule, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity; and*
- WHEREAS,** *from March 1, 1961 up to his passing--A. J. Howard Clement, III played an intricate part to the revitalization of the City of Durham; and*
- WHEREAS,** *he now leaves to cherish his memories, his loving and caring wife of nine years, Annie Jones Clement and many relatives and friends.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DURHAM CITY COUNCIL:

1. *That this City Council pauses in a moment of silence in memory of A.J. Howard Clement, III.*
2. *That this governing body pays tribute to his life and the contributions by observing this great humanitarian leader.*
3. *That this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of this governing body.*

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Durham, North Carolina, this 6th day of June 2016.

*William V. "Bill" Bell
Mayor*