

**RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING ANGELA “ANGIE” VANDOREN LANGLEY**

- WHEREAS,** *Angela Vandoren Langley, lovingly known as “Angie,” was born in Durham, North Carolina on May 27, 1961 to Gloria L. Kearney and Samuel Kearney; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Angela was a proud graduate of the Hillside High School Class of 1980 and went on to further her education at North Carolina Central University, earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education in May 1984 as well as a Masters in Agency Counseling in December 1995 and while there was elected Miss Junior; in 2006 she received a Certificate in Professional Activities Specialist for Senior Programming at Durham Technical Community College; and*
- WHEREAS,** *upon finishing college Angela, worked for the North Carolina Department of Health Services as a Rehabilitation Counselor with the Independent Living Rehabilitation Program assisting individuals with severe physical disabilities in maintaining independent living in their homes and the community; and*
- WHEREAS,** *at an early age, Angela joined First Calvary Baptist Church where she loved praising the Lord and often expressed her faith through journal entries of sermons and scriptures that were preached during church; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Angela, recognizing that family was so precious, evident of the strong love she had for her son Brad and her three beautiful granddaughters - Nevaeh Savannah, Paris Maria and Wynter Snow who provided such inspiration for her life; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Angela’s strong conviction for being that “voice” who advocated tirelessly for children, persons with disabilities, affordable and accessible housing, efficient government services and responsible economic development improving the quality of life for all citizens led her to serve as a member of the Durham City Council from 1995 to 2001; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Angela was the Executive Producer and host of the “Disability Empowerment Project” aired on Channel 8, used this tool as a platform to encourage, inform and educate the public on the lives of persons with disabilities; and*
- WHEREAS,** *through her constant caring for others, Angela volunteered with the Senior Life Program at the Community Family Life and Recreation Center at Lyon Park and was involved with the Greater Joy Baptist Church Choir (Executive Board); Big Sister Program; Liaison for Disabled Tenants in public housing; KAPPA Alpha Fraternity Sweetheart; Co-Founder of “Wheeling to Save My Brother; Partners Against Crime (District 3); Lyon Park Neighborhood Association; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Angela’s professional affiliations and awards included the National Association for Independent Living; Durham Area Transit Authority; recipient of the Triangle Access Award in 2004; Data Link Paratransit Advisory; Mayor’s Committee for Persons with Disabilities; Protective Services of the Department of Social Services; the Developmental Disabilities Council and was appointed by Durham Public Schools to serve as a Surrogate Parent representing students with disabilities in IEP meetings whose parents were either unknown or unavailable.*

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

- 1. That this City Council pauses in a moment of silence in memory of Angela Vandoren Langley.*
- 2. That this governing body pays tribute to the life of Angela Vandoren Langley and the contributions she made to the City of Durham not just for the disabled but for all people.*
- 3. That this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of this governing body.*
- 4. That a certified copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Angela “Angie” Vandoren Langley.*