



Legislation Text

File #: 18-4544, Version: 1

Title:

New Item: Order of the Hornet Induction

Summary

ACTION:

Induct Marvin A. Bethune into the Mecklenburg County Order of the Hornet

Commission

Contact: Chair Ella B. Scarborough

Presentation: Yes

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:

The Order of the Hornet was established in 1972. It is bestowed by the Board of County Commissioners on persons who have displayed valor or high order of service uniquely and specifically to the citizens of Mecklenburg County. This is the highest honor bestowed by the Board. The Order of the Hornet was founded in the spirit of the early Mecklenburg patriots who signed the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence on May 20, 1775, and proclaimed the County's freedom from Britain more than a year before the U.S. Declaration of Independence was signed. Those early patriots valiantly fought for their independence during the Revolution and gave Lord Cornwallis such difficulties during his occupation of Charlotte that he termed the town a "hornet's nest" of rebellion. Because Marvin A. Bethune reflects the honor, strength, and fierce American patriotism that so stung Lord Cornwallis, he is being recommended for membership in the Order of the Hornet.

Marvin A. Bethune has served as Mecklenburg County Attorney for 39 years and has done so with the highest degree of integrity and professionalism. Marvin received his BA degree from Davidson College, his Juris Doctor degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He tendered his resignation as Mecklenburg County Attorney on December 19, 2017, effective March 6, 2018.

PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:

N/A

POLICY IMPACT:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A