



Legislation Text

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Title:

Order of the Hornet Induction of Anthony Hamilton (Sponsor: Commissioner Fuller)

Summary

ACTION:

Induct Anthony Hamilton into the Mecklenburg County Order of the Hornet

Commission Contact:

Commissioner Trevor M. Fuller

Co-Sponsors: Chair George Dunlap and Commissioner Mark Jerrell

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 Anthony Hamilton 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.

Anthony Hamilton is a Grammy Award-winning R&B artist, songwriter, and record producer, and a native Charlottean. Not only has he made a name for himself in the entertainment industry, he's also been a great humanitarian. He's been determined to alleviate that which causes others to struggle by giving back. According to Mr. Hamilton, giving back makes his day, and it makes his day even better, when he gives back in the city/county he loves, Charlotte/Mecklenburg, NC.

Mr. Hamilton has visited and given financial support to the Men's Shelter of Charlotte, the Salvation Army Center of Hope and A Child's Place. He has given efforts to food drives with the Second Harvest Food Bank; supported the Gift of Adoption Fund; mentored youth to teach them real-life lessons; recently paid for groceries for customers at a local Wal-Mart; gave away free tickets for Aretha Franklin's "Amazing Grace" Documentary and hosted the

movie screening at Northlake AMC Theatres. He also gave away free tickets to the public and hosted a private screening for the Oscar winning film "Green Book" at the Epicentre. Mr. Hamilton served as the Ambassador of Charlotte during the 2019 NBA All-Star Weekend; where he sang the National Anthem. In May, he will be the headline act for the Charlotte Shout Festival on Thursday, May 9, 2019.

For these and other acts of kindness and generosity, too numerous to list, Anthony Hamilton is more than deserving to be inducted for membership into the Mecklenburg County Order of the Hornet.

PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:

N/A

POLICY IMPACT:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A