

THE CITY OF SAVANNAH GEORGIA

Resolution

WHEREAS: Robert Lee "Bobby" Adams was born July 23, 1947. He was the youngest son of Matilda and Alonzo Adams. He grew up on Savannah's eastside and attended the local public schools progressing from East Broad Elementary School through Alfred E. Beach High School where he was a graduate of the class of 1965; and

WHEREAS: Bobby enrolled at Savannah State College (now University) after graduating from high school, but his college education was put on hold after being called to serve in the United States Army. He performed in the United States Army with the Presidential Honor Guard at Fort Myers, Virginia. When he was honorably discharged in 1975, he returned to Savannah State and earned a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice; and

WHEREAS: Bobby began his career as a sports correspondent from 1965-1969 for the Savannah News Press. He covered predominately black high school sporting events in football, basketball, baseball and track & field. He also served as the voice of the Savannah State Tigers, announcing all local Tiger home games from Ted Wright Stadium from 1981-1991. Later, he became the Coordinator of the EOA's Veteran's Services program and culminated his career as a 39 year employee of CSX Railroad Transportation; and

WHEREAS: Bobby was baptized in 1957 and was a lifelong, dedicated member of Macedonia Baptist Church under the pastorate of the Reverend William Murray. He served faithfully in various capacities and had been designated as a Deacon-in-Training before his health began to decline; and

WHEREAS Bobby has made many contributions to the community through his involvement with the Savannah, Gents, Inc., Thursday Morning Breakfast Club, Railroad Retirees Breakfast Club, the Alfred E. Beach National Alumni Association, Alfred E. Beach Class of '65, the Alfred E. Beach Athletic Hall of Fame and the Sol C. Johnson High School Athletic Hall of Fame. He was also inducted in the latter two organizations in 2013; and

WHEREAS: Bobby leaves a legacy of love with his devoted wife Juanita Jackson Adams; five children DeVonn Cape', Katrina Adams-Kelly (Tremayne), Kelbert Lenard, Robert Courtney (all of Savannah) and Traci Campbell (Far Rockaway, NY); seven Grands, two Brothers, two Sisters, and a host of loving devoted brothers- and- sisters-in law, nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Savannah acknowledge and recognize the life, service and contributions Robert Lee "Bobby" Adams provided to the community. He was an affable, personable individual who never met a stranger and always had a humorous word to share with others. However, most of his life was spent as a devoted husband, loving father, grandfather, brother, uncle and cousin who orchestrated many of his family traditions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Robert Lee "Bobby" Adams.

SIGNED and SEALED April 24, 2017.

Attest:

Dyanne C. Reese

Dyanne C. Reese, Clerk of Council

Eddie W. DeLoach

Eddie W. DeLoach, Mayor