

WHEREAS: Phillip “Philly” J. Meyers was born in 1948 in Queens, New York. He graduated from Mainland Regional High School in Linwood, New Jersey, in 1966. After high school, he enlisted in the Marines and served in the Vietnam War. He was a proud veteran and a member of Veterans for Peace; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Meyers had strong ties to the labor movement and was a member of the New York Newspaper Printing Pressmen’s Union Local #2 since 1980; and

WHEREAS: In 2006, Mr. Meyers relocated to Savannah and continued to advocate on behalf of labor, income equality, civil rights, and the environment, among other concerns. His stated daily goal was to make life better for the vast majority of Americans; and

WHEREAS: In 2010, Philly Meyers helped to organize the RUFFians, Retirees Unite for the Future, an advocacy group comprised of senior retirees. The RUFFians elected Meyers their president and he helped them stage information tables, rallies, marches, and other direct action strategies in support of issues, including increased minimum wage, expansion of Medicare and Social Security, tax reform, clean energy, and equal voting rights; and

WHEREAS: Phillip “Philly” J. Meyers passed away on January 5, 2018 in Savannah, Georgia; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah celebrate the legacy and accomplishments of Phillip “Philly” J. Meyers and offer our appreciation for his service and the impact his life contributed to the City of Savannah, especially to the senior retiree community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Philly Meyers will be sadly missed by all of us who knew him as a notable leader; and that a copy of this resolution will be delivered to his family and made a part of the permanent records of the Savannah City Council meeting minutes of January 18, 2018.

Signed and Sealed: January 18, 2018