

THE CITY OF SAVANNAH GEORGIA



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: We celebrate the life and memory of James "Jay" B. Blackburn Jr., born in Savannah, Georgia to Mercer and James B. Blackburn. He received his Political Science undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia; a master's in city planning from the Georgia Institute of Technology; and his law degree from Mercer University. Mr. Blackburn returned to Savannah and worked at the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) during which he authored a comprehensive plan for the Victorian District in Savannah; and

WHEREAS: Attorney "Jay" Blackburn, Jr. became a partner at Wiseman, Blackburn, and Futrell after receiving his law degree. Working with his father for over thirty years, he was dedicated to law and was an active member of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association and the Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; and

WHEREAS: As an active member in the community, Attorney Blackburn, Jr. was involved with The Savannah Jaycees, the Coastal Heritage Society, the Chatham County Democratic Committee, the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, the Hibernian Society, and the Savannah CARES task force. In addition, he was a former Board Member of the Westside YMCA, and he served as counsel for the Savannah Pilotage Commission; and

WHEREAS: "Jay" will be remembered by friends and family, including when he engaged in a heated political debate, when he ate a cheese biscuit with green grits on Saint Patrick's Day, when he took boat rides, or even when he ran late to events; and

WHEREAS: Attorney "Jay" Blackburn, Jr. was predeceased by his father earlier this year, for whom the City of Savannah is deeply indebted. He leaves behind three children, Megan, Kaki, and James B. Blackburn, III; mother, Mercer; and brother, John F. Blackburn (Jack) and his wife Maryann Gallagher; and a host of other family and friends.

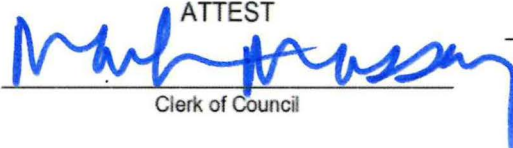
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah celebrate the life and memory of Attorney James "Jay" B. Blackburn Jr. and offer our appreciation for his life and contributions to the Savannah community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be made a part of the permanent records of the Savannah City Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Savannah, Georgia to be affixed.

This 6th day of November 2020.

ATTEST


Clerk of Council

MAYOR

