

RESOLUTION NO. 11934-09

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia, wishes to recognize Historic Hilton Village for being named one of America's 10 Great Neighborhoods by the American Planning Association; and

WHEREAS, Hilton Village was the nation's first Federal War Housing project; a federally funded, government built, planned community. In January of 1918, Newport News Shipbuilding president Homer L. Ferguson traveled to Washington, D.C. and appeared before a Senate subcommittee investigating shipyard conditions, where he discussed how a housing shortage in Newport News was affecting shipyard workers and the war effort. Immediately after his appearance, the United States authorized a \$1.2 million appropriation to begin construction; and

WHEREAS, Hilton Village was the first community in the United States to employ the concept of "team planning," a collaborative effort of town planners, architects, and engineers working together to create a unified plan for a town development. This new planning initiative served as an example for many new projects across the country; and

WHEREAS, in 1921, Hilton Village was purchased from the government by Henry E. Huntington, chairman of the board of Newport News Shipbuilding. In 1922, some of the homes were put up for sale, and Hilton Village gradually became a community of homeowners; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, Hilton Village was placed on the State and National Register of Historic Places. In 1972, the Hilton Village Architectural Review Board was created to preserve the original architecture and design of the community; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Historic Hilton Village have diligently worked to preserve, protect, and enhance their community, both individually and through involvement in a number of civic and social organizations, including Historic Hilton Village Inc., the Hilton Village Merchants Association, the Hilton Village Women's Club, and the Citizens for Hilton Area Revitalization.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia:

1. That it hereby recognizes and congratulates the community of Historic Hilton Village on being named one of America's 10 Great Neighborhoods.

2. That it hereby recognizes the members of the Hilton Village Architectural Review Board, Historic Hilton Village Inc., the Hilton Village Merchants Association, the residents of the Hilton Village community, the City Planning Commission, and all those citizens who have

contributed their time and expertise to the improvement of Hilton Village and the City of Newport News.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS ON NOVEMBER 10, 2009

Mabel Washington Jenkins, CMC  
City Clerk

Joe S. Frank  
Mayor

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City Clerk