

RESOLUTION NO. 11590-08**RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION**

WHEREAS, Neal B. Thompson has made a career of public service and has ably served this community from 1980 until his retirement in 2003, after which he continued working for the City of Newport News in a Technical Professional position, serving as a consultant working on special activities and tasks through October of 2004; and

WHEREAS, Neal B. Thompson attended Thomas Nelson Community College with a concentration in management and completed various programs and seminars presented by BOCA, CABO and State of Virginia. In 1998, he was certified by the State as a Property Maintenance Inspector; and

WHEREAS, Neal B. Thompson's experience in local government started in 1980 in the City of Newport News as a Property Maintenance Inspector for the Department of Codes Compliance. After serving in that position for five years, he was promoted to Senior Codes Compliance Inspector. In 1995, he served as Acting Assistant Director for the Department of Codes Compliance and in 1996 was promoted to Assistant Director. In 1998, Mr. Thompson was promoted to Director of the Department of Codes Compliance; and

WHEREAS, in February, 1994, Neal B. Thompson was honored by the City of Newport News with the award of Employee of the Month for his distinguished service to the City of Newport News and the community. Mr. Thompson was nominated for this award by a Newport News citizen who was deeply impressed by Mr. Thompson's work related knowledge and his demeanor in dealing with the public. In addition to his work with the Department of Codes Compliance, Mr. Thompson volunteered his time to help with the annual Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament and the City's annual picnic, and took meals from the picnic to city employees whose work schedule prevented them from attending the picnic; and

WHEREAS, Neal B. Thompson's community affiliations included serving on the Peninsula Football Association, serving as a hospice volunteer for Riverside Regional Medical Center, and serving as a volunteer at Sarah Bonwell Hudgins Foundation, a facility for the physically and mentally handicapped. Mr. Thompson is an honorary, lifetime member of BOCA, a member of the Warwick Moose Lodge, and a member and deacon at Northside Christian Church. As a deacon at Northside Christian Church, he would take communion to shut-ins on Sunday afternoons, and was active with the Church's youth programs. Mr. Thompson was superintendent of the Middle School Sunday School department for a number of years. He planned many outings including taking his students to the City's Juvenile Detention Center to meet young people who were incarcerated with the hope that their stories would deter his students from making poor choices. He also served as a greeter every Sunday at his church for many years; and

WHEREAS, throughout his long and distinguished career with the City, Mr. Thompson comported himself as a professional in every aspect and made many contributions to the City of

Newport News.

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

1. That it expresses its deep and sincere appreciation to Neal B. Thompson for his dedicated service to the citizens of Newport News.
2. That City Council wishes him well on his retirement, and all of his future endeavors.
3. That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the records of this body and that a copy be delivered to Neal B. Thompson as a token of the respect, high regard and warm appreciation that his friends and colleagues, and this Council feel for him.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS ON
FEBRUARY 26, 2008

Mabel V. Washington, CMC
City Clerk

Joe S. Frank
Mayor

A true copy, teste:

City Clerk