

RESOLUTION NO. 13198-19

RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM

THE HONORABLE J. WARREN STEPHENS, JR.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia, records with deep and profound sadness the death of the Honorable J. Warren Stephens, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, J. Warren Stephens, Jr. was born on February 14, 1924, in Newport News, Virginia and was educated in the public school system, graduating from Newport News High School. He attended Virginia Military Institute and served in the U.S. Army field artillery during World War II. He went on to receive his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, following his graduation from law school, J. Warren Stephens, Jr. began his legal career practicing with the local firm of Montague, Ferguson and Holt. He practiced at the law firm of Stephens and Wendward prior to going on the bench; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, J. Warren Stephens was appointed to the Newport News Circuit Court, serving as a Judge until his retirement in 1994. Following his retirement, J. Warren Stephens, Jr. continued to serve as a substitute judge and also as a mediator and arbitrator for the McCammon Group; and

WHEREAS, J. Warren Stephens, Jr. has participated in numerous professional and community organizations including membership in the American Bar Association and the Virginia Bar Association. He served as president of the Newport News Bar Association, Chairman of the Board of the Peninsula Symphony Orchestra, Chairman of the American Red Cross Home Service Committee, Chairman of the Whitaker Hospital Study Commission, President of the Volunteer Service Bureau, President of the Lower Peninsula Mental Health Clinic, Chairman of the Virginia Bar Association's First District Committee, President of the P'Anson-Hoffman American Inns of Court chapter, member of the Board of Visitors at St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Virginia, and Campaign Chairman of the United Way of the Virginia Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, J. Warren Stephens, Jr. was a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church where he served as a lay reader, on the vestry, and as a senior warden. J. Warren Stephens, Jr., was a former chancellor of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, J. Warren Stephens, Jr. is survived by his loving wife, Mary Montague; son Peter Warren Stephens (and his wife Victoria); daughter Mary Graham (Molly) Anderson (and her husband Arthur); son Edwin Ford Stephens (and his wife Beth); and grandchildren Mary Montague Anderson (Montie), Eric Conrad Anderson, Lucy Catlett Anderson, Bethany Jean Stephens, James Warren Stephens II, Charles Warren Stephens, David Graham Stephens, and Ann Bedford Stephens (Annie); and

WHEREAS, the product of his professional and community activities touched the lives of many, and the death of the Honorable J. Warren Stephens, Jr. creates a void in this community which this Council wishes to recognize.

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

1. That it hereby recognizes all that the Honorable J. Warren Stephens, Jr. has done to serve the City of Newport News and for his many contributions to the quality of life of this community.
2. That it is ordered that the City Clerk shall record this resolution in the minutes of this body and that a copy be presented to the family of the late Honorable J. Warren Stephens, Jr.
3. That this resolution shall be in effect on and after the date of its adoption, January 22, 2019.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS ON JANUARY 22, 2019

Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC
City Clerk

McKinley L. Price, DDS
Mayor

A true copy, teste:

City Clerk