



RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, the City of Charleston wishes to recognize one of South Carolina's most distinguished citizens, **BRENDA CHARLOTTE SCOTT**, who was born in Charleston, SC to Albert and Mariam Gaillard Scott on January 10, 1949; and
- WHEREAS, **BRENDA CHARLOTTE SCOTT** attended A.B. Rhett and Simonton Elementary Schools and graduated from Burke High School in 1967. She attended South Carolina State University, where she graduated in 1971 with a degree in Elementary Education; and
- WHEREAS, in the fall of 1971, **BRENDA CHARLOTTE SCOTT** began her teaching career at Courtenay School where she taught seventh grade. She later joined the faculty at Mitchell Elementary School, and retired in 2005; and
- WHEREAS, while teaching, **BRENDA CHARLOTTE SCOTT** began to develop an interest in politics and was mentored by political figures including Joseph Murray, who was first elected to the South Carolina State House of Representatives in 1975, and Herbert Fielding, who served in the State House and State Senate; and
- WHEREAS, **BRENDA CHARLOTTE SCOTT** served as a poll manager for a local election in 1975 and ultimately decided to run for a seat on Charleston City Council to represent her Westside district, which she won. She was the youngest female in city history to be elected to City Council at the age of 26 and was one of the first African American women to serve in that role; and
- WHEREAS, during **BRENDA CHARLOTTE SCOTT'S** tenure, she was elected Mayor Pro Tem twice and served on the board that oversaw the building of the South Carolina Aquarium; and
- WHEREAS, **BRENDA CHARLOTTE SCOTT** retired from elective politics in 1998, but continued to serve on community boards and housing committees; and
- WHEREAS, **BRENDA CHARLOTTE SCOTT** was a tireless and faithful servant at Wesley United Methodist Church, where she was a lifelong member. While she had no children of her own, she raised and cared for many within her family, her community and her church; and
- WHEREAS, **BRENDA CHARLOTTE SCOTT** has left an indelible mark on the City of Charleston. She earned the respect, admiration and high regard of all with whom she came into contact, and the City has sustained a great loss in her death.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor, City of Charleston, on behalf of all our citizens, hereby extend to the members of her family this expression of sincere regret for their loss, and hope that they will be consoled by the memories of her fine life and achievements.

John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

