

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-13

COUNTY OF DORCHESTER

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE MESSERVY FAMILY FOR THEIR SERVICE
TO SUMMERVILLE AND DORCHESTER COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the late Dr. Thomas William Messervy and the late James “Jim” Herbert Messervy, Sr., and their family have tirelessly served Summerville and Dorchester County for nearly 80 years; and

WHEREAS, the late Dr. Thomas W. Messervy, is a 1934 graduate of the University of South Carolina and a 1939 graduate of the Medical University of South Carolina. Dr. Messervy served countless patients at the Dorchester County Hospital located at 500 North Main Street in Summerville until he retired as chief of staff. Additionally, Dr. Messervy served as Chairman of the Dorchester County School Board for 22 years, Chairman of the Dorchester County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, President of the Dorchester County Medical Society, as a member of the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Medical Care Foundation, counselor to the American Medical Association and a member of the J. Marion Sims Medical Society, SCMA. Dr. Messervy was a past president of the Summerville Exchange Club, served on the South Carolina Coastal Council and served as the Summerville High School football team’s doctor for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, the late James “Jim” Herbert Messervy, Sr., son of the late Dr. Thomas Messervy and Elizabeth Messervy, was a dedicated public servant. He was a graduate of Summerville High School, The Citadel and earned his Juris Doctorate Degree from the University of South Carolina. He was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives in 1974 where he served the people of Dorchester County for two years. He served as a Prosecutor with the Solicitor’s Office; as Town Attorney for the Town of Ridgeville; as a Dorchester County Magistrate Judge; and finally, as a part-time Magistrate Judge for the Town of Summerville. Jim Messervy held numerous volunteer positions in the community including President of the Francis R. Willis SPCA (now Dorchester Paws), President of the Dorchester County Bar Association and Co-founder of the Dorchester County Fund through the Coastal Community Foundation, as well as countless other organizations; and

WHEREAS, Linda Messervy, widow of the late James Messervy, Sr. is a 1972 graduate of Auburn University, and received her master’s degree from The Citadel. She was an educator in Berkeley and Dorchester Counties, teaching for 20 years, and was selected Teacher of the Year in 1981. Upon leaving the school district, she was elected and served as the Dorchester County Register of Mesne Conveyance (RMC) from January 1993 to January 2005. After serving as the RMC, now Register of Deeds, Ms. Messervy is an active member of the business community and over the years actively involved in several community organizations including Dorchester Paws, etc.; and

WHEREAS, Tiffany Provence, daughter of Linda Messervy and stepdaughter of James Messervy, Sr., is a graduate of the University of Florida and the University of South Carolina School of Law. She was admitted to the practice of law in 1998 and sworn in as the Probate Judge for Dorchester County as the youngest female judge in South Carolina. After a decade on the bench, Tiffany retired to open her own law firm, PMC Law Firm (Provence Messervy and Causey), where she focuses on probate and related litigation and oversees a team of six other attorneys. Ms. Provence teaches the Civil Mediation Certification course for the South Carolina Bar and serves as a Drug Court Judge for Dorchester County where she helps those with addiction related issues; and


WHEREAS, James Herbert "JJ" Messervy, Jr., is the son of the late James Messervy, Sr., and Linda Messervy. He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina where he earned a bachelor's degree in finance and financial management and Charleston Southern University where he earned a Master of Business Administration. Mr. Messervy was elected and has served as Dorchester County Auditor since July 2009. JJ has been involved in several community organizations and causes, including the Exchange Club, the Clemson Extension Master Gardeners Program, Dorchester Paws, and "public address announcer" for the Summerville High School Green Wave Varsity Football Team. Over the years he has led fundraising efforts for non-profits throughout Dorchester County. He co-founded the Dorchester County Foundation, and he has dedicated his life to the betterment of Summerville and Dorchester County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Dorchester County Council wishes to express its most sincere appreciation for the years of devoted public service that the Messervy family has given the citizens of Dorchester County by naming a portion of 500 North Main Street Complex in Summerville, South Carolina, the location of the former Dorchester County Hospital and the current location of the Dorchester County Human Services Building, "Messervy Square" in honor of their eight decades of service to Summerville and Dorchester County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon adoption of this Resolution, the original shall be presented to the members of the Messervy family, and a copy filed in the permanent records of Dorchester County, South Carolina.

ADOPTED THIS 3RD DAY OF JUNE 2024.

BY: 
S. Todd Friddle, Chairman
Dorchester County Council

ATTEST: 
Tracey L. Langley
Clerk to Council