

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

RESOLUTION NUMBER 15-10

COUNTY OF DORCHESTER

A RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF JAMES A. RAVENELL

WHEREAS, James A. Ravenell was born on November 11, 1968, in Orangeburg, South Carolina, the son of Alex and Elaine Ravenell; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ravenell graduated from Saint George High School in 1987 and entered the United States Army National Guard at the age of seventeen, serving two years until completion, where he was trained in Aircraft Armament Systems, becoming a Weapons Maintenance Technician; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ravenell transitioned into the United States Air Force (AF) where he received numerous accolades, including the AF Achievement Medal, AF Outstanding Unit Award, AF Good Conduct Medal, with one Oak Leaf Cluster, National Defense Service Medal, AF Overseas Long Tour Ribbon, AF Longevity Service Award Ribbon, NCO PME Graduation Ribbon, Kuwait Liberation Medal, and participated in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm; and

WHEREAS, after ending his military career, Mr. Ravenell secured employment as a Senior Software Specialist/Software Trainer and Developer with the United States Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, DC, where he developed course materials and offered personnel training in Microsoft Office Suites, computer programming and other software programs and designed websites and materials for national campaigns and resolved compliance issues for hearing or visually impaired individuals; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ravenell became a business owner, co-creating Spenser Warren, Incorporated, and Holiday365 Events, creating and maintaining company websites, using a variety of web tools, and developing sales and marketing campaigns for various travel-related promotions; and.

WHEREAS, Mr. Ravenell entered into retirement due to illness and began his new role of community serviceman for Dorchester County. He was an organizer, demonstrator and lobbyist for human rights. He was very successful at securing prominent representatives from Upper Dorchester/Lower Orangeburg for big events. He successfully organized annual and semi-annual job/career fairs, attracting local and national companies. He organized health fairs in conjunction with Davita Dialysis Clinic, Trident Health Systems, Colleton Medical Center, The Regional Medical Center of Orangeburg and the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston; and

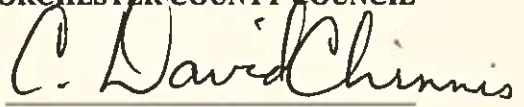
WHEREAS, Mr. Ravenell worked on behalf of the youth through the Dorchester County Summer Feeding Program, St. George Youth Summer League Tennis Camp; St. Marks United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School, Back to School Bashes, Sunday School and many other programs.

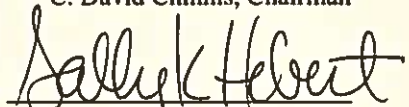
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Dorchester County Council wishes to honor the memory of the late Mr. James A. Ravenell and express gratitude for his many years of community service.

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

ADOPTED this 26th day of May, 2015.

DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL

BY: 
C. David Chinnis, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Sally K. Hebert, Clerk