

A RESOLUTION NO. 21-7

Recognizing Dennis K. Morris for 50 years of service to the Crater Planning District Commission.

WHEREAS, after his service in the United States Army, Dennis Morris was hired in 1971 as a Planner for the Crater Planning District Commission during its first year of operation; and

WHEREAS, by 1982, Mr. Morris was appointed Executive Director of the Crater Planning District Commission; and

WHEREAS, for 38 years as Executive Director of the Crater Planning District Commission, Mr. Morris was instrumental in numerous initiatives benefitting the City of Colonial Heights, Fort Lee, and surrounding localities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morris was active in organizing the Crater Regional Building Code Appeals Board; instituting regular meetings of the region's chief administrative officers; creating the Crater Development Company, which makes loans to small businesses; encouraging regional economic development, leading to the formation of Virginia's Gateway Region; assisting in establishing the Central Virginia Waste Management Authority; supporting efforts to bring the Defense Commissary Agency's Headquarters to Fort Lee along with hundreds of civilian jobs; advocating for Fort Lee's removal from the list of facilities that the Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission recommended for closing; recommending the formation of the Friends of the Lower Appomattox River; helping to develop the region's first Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan; assisting with the formation of the Petersburg Area Regional Tourism Board; helping to launch GO Virginia; advocating for the Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing; helping to coordinate the Chesapeake Bay Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan; and assisting in the development of a regional Economic Recovery and Resiliency Plan; and

WHEREAS, for the past 50 years, Mr. Morris has worked for the Commission with many Colonial Heights Council Members and Mayors, including Earnest Payne, Charles Townes, James McNeer, and John Wood; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS:

1. Council wishes to publicly recognize and thank Dennis K. Morris for his 50 years of service to the City of Colonial Heights and surrounding localities.
2. In attestation of the high regard in which Dennis K. Morris is held, this resolution is read into the minutes of this meeting and permanent record of the City of Colonial Heights, this 9th day of February 2021; and the members unanimously affix their signatures.
3. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage.

Approved:

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

I certify that the above resolution was:

Adopted on _____.

Ayes: _____. Nays: _____. Absent: _____. Abstain: _____.

The Honorable Michael A. Cherry, Councilmember: _____

The Honorable John E. Piotrowski, Councilmember: _____

The Honorable Dr. Laura F. Poe, Councilmember: _____

The Honorable Robert W. Wade, Councilmember: _____

The Honorable John T. Wood, Councilmember: _____

The Honorable Elizabeth G. Luck, Vice-Mayor: _____

The Honorable T. Gregory Kochuba, Mayor: _____

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney