

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF
JOE RICHARD ASKINS

Whereas, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen deems it appropriate to pass this resolution honoring the memory of Joe Richard Askins, a former Vice-Mayor and Alderman for the City of Fayetteville; and

Whereas, Joe Richard Askins was born in 1936 and raised on the family farm in the Harms community of Lincoln County, Tennessee; and

Whereas, Joe Richard Askins attended the public schools of Lincoln County and upon graduation furthered his studies at Tennessee State University where he obtained a Bachelor's Degree in business education in 1958; and

Whereas, Joe Richard Askins began his career as an educator at West End High School; and

Whereas, Joe Richard Askins obtained a Master's Degree in Education from Alabama A & M University; and

Whereas, Joe Richard Askins enjoyed a 39 year long teaching career, including positions at West End High School, Central High School and Lincoln County, Tennessee; and

Whereas, Joe Richard Askins was much beloved by the many students he taught during his distinguished career as an educator in Fayetteville and Lincoln County; and

Whereas, Joe Richard Askins was first elected Alderman of the City of Fayetteville in 1990; and

Whereas, Joe Richard Askins faithfully served five terms as Alderman, retiring from the Board in 2010; and

Whereas, during his service on the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, Joe Richard Askins served three terms as Vice-Mayor for the City of Fayetteville and served on numerous other boards and committees; and

Whereas, as Alderman, Joe Richard Askins was instrumental in bringing about many improvements to the City of Fayetteville including the creation of Stone Bridge Park, the consolidation of the public utility companies, establishment of the Farmers Market, expansion of the Recreation Department and numerous other achievements; and

Whereas, Joe Richard Askins served on the State Board of Children and Youth by appointment of Governor Ned McWherter; and

Whereas, Joe Richard Askins was a life-long member of Mary's Chapel A.M.E. Church where he served in many capacities; and

Whereas, Joe Richard Askins is survived by his wife, Lizzie Askins, daughter, Natalie Russell, son, Richard Askins and grandchildren, Amarion, Akeyra and Ivec; and

Whereas, Joe Richard Askins was a man of great integrity to devoted his life to service to others and his community.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the members of Board of Mayor and Aldermen honor the memory of Joe Richard Askins and posthumously thank Joe Richard Askins for his distinguished service to the City of Fayetteville and its citizens; and

Be it further resolved by this Board of Mayor and Aldermen that this resolution of respect and esteem be spread upon the minutes of the Board and that a copy be forwarded to Mrs. Lizzie Askins.

This 12th day of April, 2016.



JONATHAN D. LAW
Mayor