

Formal Awards Ceremony Docket

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#	TITLE/RECIPIENT	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	MAIN PRESENTER
1	Lt. Robert C. Marland Richmond Police Department	RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL RECOGNITION AWARD	To recognize, honor, and celebrate Police Lieutenant Robert C. Marland for more than 45 years of dedicated public service with the Richmond Police Department.	TRAMMELL
2	Charles Barker Chair, Richmond City Council Aging and Disabilities Advisory Board	RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL RECOGNITION AWARD	To recognize, honor, and celebrate Charles Barker for his many years of dedicated public service on behalf of the seniors and people with disabilities living in our community, and thanks him for helping to make our city an even better place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, enjoy, and raise a family.	ROBERTSON
3	Richmond Ambulance Authority	RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL RECOGNITION AWARD	To officially recognize, honor, and celebrate the Richmond Ambulance Authority as it commemorates its 30th Anniversary in our great city and thanks it for its work in helping to make Richmond and even better and healthier place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, enjoy, and raise a family.	NYE
4	Rhonda Michelle Harmon	In Remembrance	To join Rhonda Michelle Harmon's family, friends, and all those who knew and loved her in celebrating her life and legacy on behalf of all Richmond residents.	LAMBERT



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RICHMOND DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

Lt. Robert C. Marland

Richmond Police Department

Richmond City Council, the governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby recognize, honor, and celebrate Police Lieutenant Robert C. Marland for more than 45 years of dedicated public service on behalf of the Richmond Police Department.

Since joining the Richmond Police Department in September 1976, Lt. Robert C. Marland has served in a multitude of progressive law enforcement command and leadership roles and assignments which have included Commander of the Traffic Enforcement Unit, Officer-in-Charge of the Warrant & Information Services Unit and the Special Communication Projects Unit, and Acting Captain of the Watch Commander Office. Lt. Marland is also a nationally certified instructor, delivering training to law enforcement officers and the public.

As testament to his sterling public service record, Lt. Marland has received numerous commendations and recognitions over the years, which include Meritorious Duty medals, Excellent Police Duty medals, and Progress Awards. In acknowledgement of his outstanding work on behalf of the prevention of drunk driving, Lt. Marland has been recognized by the Virginia General Assembly, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program, and Richmond City Council.

In America, public service is considered to be among the most noble and important work a person can do and, through his ongoing distinguished example, Lt. Robert C. Marland has proven a great dedication to and support of the principles and creed of our great nation, in that our individual destinies and that of our families, communities, city, state, and country include not only the aspiration of our federal constitutional republic but, the time, talent, labor, investment, and dedication of all residents in realizing the fulfillment of its promise.

Now, Therefore, Richmond City Council does hereby officially recognize, honor, and celebrate Lt. Robert C. Marland for the more than 45 years of dedicated public service, leadership, and commitment with the Richmond Police Department on behalf of the Richmond community; and, thanks him for helping to make Richmond an even better and safer place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, enjoy, and raise a family.

In Witness Whereof, this is hereunto given for presentation on the twenty-eighth day of February, two thousand twenty-two, of the Common Era, in the two hundred eighty-fourth year of the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred forty-fifth year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.

The Honorable Cynthia I. Newbille
Council President, Richmond City Council
Councilmember, Richmond East End 7th Voter District

The Honorable Ellen F. Robertson
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Councilmember, Richmond Gateway 6th Voter District

The Honorable Reva M. Trammell
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RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL RECOGNITION AWARD

Charles Barker

Chair, Richmond City Council Aging and Disabilities Advisory Board

Richmond City Council, the official governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby officially recognize, honor, and celebrate Charles Barker for his many years of dedicated community and public service on behalf of seniors as well as people with disabilities in our community.

Throughout the years, Charles Barker has become well known and respected for his work on behalf of seniors and people with disabilities who live in the Richmond community. Mr. Barker was first appointed to the Richmond City Council Aging and Disabilities Advisory Board on January 27, 2014, where he served with distinction for three consecutive terms as its Chair. His third and final term ended on February 7, 2022. Prior to that, Mr. Barker served from March 2000 until March 2006 as a member of the Committee for the Elderly and Disabled, the precursor to the Aging and Disabilities Advisory Board.

As further testament of his dedication to the well-being of Richmond's senior residents, Charles Barker has served as Vice Chair of the Advisory Council of Senior Connections, a non-profit organization based in Richmond that provides opportunities to improve the quality of life of seniors and their caregivers.

Critical to the foundation of our resident-run government, Richmond City Council regularly appoints members to serve on its more than 50 local and regional government and non-government boards, commissions, committees and task forces. These entities, including the Aging and Disabilities Advisory Board, have roles ranging from advisory to policymaking to governance, and provide Council with crucially important input, feedback, and additional intellectual assistance to help shape the quality of our lives, neighborhoods, and community.

In America, public and community service are considered to be among the most noble and important work a person can do and, through living example, Charles Barker has proven a great devotion to and support of the principles and creed written into the founding documents of our great nation, in that our individual destinies and that of our families, communities, city, state, and country include not only the aspiration of our federal constitutional republic but, the time, talent, labor, investment, and dedication of all residents in realizing the fulfillment of its promise.

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RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL RECOGNITION AWARD

Richmond Ambulance Authority

Richmond City Council, the governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby recognize, honor, and celebrate the Richmond Ambulance Authority as it commemorates its 30th Anniversary in our great city.

Established September 23, 1991, the Richmond Ambulance Authority is a unique quasi-governmental entity that operates independently of Richmond city government in providing emergency and nonemergency ambulance services, critical care transport, and a bike medic team.

Initially operated using an outsourced contracted company, since November 17, 2007, all Richmond Ambulance Authority personnel have been employed directly by the self-run entity that is governed by its 11-member Richmond Ambulance Authority Board of Directors, which includes a member of Richmond City Council as well as the City of Richmond's Chief Administration Officer and Director of Finance.

Operating with an estimated \$20 million in annual revenues, of which approximately 75 percent comes from patient billings and 25 percent from a city subsidy, the Richmond Ambulance Authority responds to an estimated 50,000 emergency response calls a year.

Over its 30 years of existence, the Richmond Ambulance Authority has earned important Emergency Medical Service industry operator accreditations, which include one from the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services for compliance with national emergency medical service standards of excellence, and one from the International Academies of Emergency Dispatch Accredited Center of Excellence.

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IN REMEMBRANCE

Rhonda Michelle Harmon

Richmond City Council, the official governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby celebrate the life and legacy of Rhonda Michelle Harmon in remembrance of her passing on January 19, 2022.

Born and raised in Waco, Texas, Ms. Harmon accepted an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point in New York following graduation from high school in 1981 and was a trailblazing member of the fifth class after it began allowing women to enroll.

Following her graduation in 1985, commissioned Second Lt. Harmon served in the United States Army as Military Intelligence Officer and was stationed in Korea and Fort Hood, Texas.

Following her military service, Ms. Harmon was accepted to law school in 1990 and, in 1993, graduated first in her class from Baylor Law School in Waco, Texas. Following graduation from law school, Ms. Harmon accepted a public service judicial clerkship with The Honorable Samuel Johnson, Senior Judge of the United States of America Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in Austin, Texas.

Moving to the Richmond area in 1995, Ms. Harmon joined a law firm and was part of a legal team that successfully won an historic civil rights case on behalf of the nonprofit Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME) involving the discriminatory practice of redlining, which resulted in the largest verdict amount in their favor at that point in history.

Committed to her community, in 2020 Ms. Harmon was named the "Richmond Christmas Mother" as part of the nonprofit Richmond Christmas Mother Fund that provides financial backing for multiple charities throughout the Greater Richmond Region.

In America, public, military, and community service are considered to be among some of the most noble and important work a person can do and, through her living example, Ms. Harmon proved a great devotion to and support of the principles and creed written into the founding documents of our great nation, in that our individual destinies and that of our families, communities, city, state, and country include not only the aspiration of our federal constitutional republic but, the time, talent, labor, investment, and dedication of all residents in realizing the fulfillment of its promise.

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