

Formal Awards Ceremony Docket

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#	TITLE/RECIPIENT	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	MAIN PRESENTER
1	<p>Historic Evergreen Cemetery</p> <p>To be received by Enrichmond Foundation Historic Evergreen Cemetery Executive Planning and Review Team</p>	<p>RICHMOND OFFICIAL JOINT RECOGNITION AWARD</p>	<p>To recognize, honor, and celebrate Historic Evergreen Cemetery and thank the dedicated individuals, organizations, and entities that have given of their valuable time, talent, treasure, knowledge, skills, abilities, experience, and expertise in supporting this significant and meaningful historic preservation project.</p>	Hilbert
2	<p>The Honorable Michael N. Herring, Esq.</p> <p>To be received by The Honorable Michael N. Herring, Esq.</p>	<p>RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD</p>	<p>To recognize, honor, celebrate, and thank The Honorable Michael N. Herring, Esq., for his service on behalf of Richmond residents and for helping to make our city an even better, safer, and more wonderful place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, enjoy, and raise a family.</p>	Newbille
3	<p>Mr. Jon E. Mathiasen <i>President and Chief Executive Officer, Capital Region Airport Commission</i></p> <p>To be received by Mr. Jon E. Mathiasen <i>President and Chief Executive Officer, Capital Region Airport Commission</i></p>	<p>RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD</p>	<p>To recognize, honor, and celebrate Mr. Jon E. Mathiasen for 19 years of dedicated service on behalf of the greater Richmond community; and, thank him for helping to make our city an even better and safer place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, enjoy, and raise a family.</p>	Trammell

The following Richmond City Council Formal Awards were presented in the community at a different date.

4	<p>Anniversary of Richmond's and Virginia's First Career Firefighters of African American Descent</p> <p>Presented Provided for presentation at community event on July 7, 2019</p>	<p>RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD</p>	<p>To recognize, honor, celebrate, and commemorate the date of July 1, 1950 in perpetuity as the historic hiring anniversary of Richmond's and Virginia's first career firefighters of African American descent; thanks these trailblazing men for their service; and, brings this to the attention of all Richmond residents.</p>	Newbille
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RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR LEVAR M. STONEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA - CITY OF RICHMOND

RICHMOND OFFICIAL JOINT RECOGNITION AWARD

By virtue of the authority vested in the United States of America, Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Code of Laws, and the Richmond City Charter: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor of Richmond and the Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby and officially recognize:

Historic Evergreen Cemetery Henrico County, Virginia

The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor of Richmond, and the Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby unite in solidarity and common purpose to recognize, honor, and celebrate Historic Evergreen Cemetery.

Located east of Richmond in Henrico County, Virginia, at 50 Evergreen Road, Evergreen Cemetery was founded in 1891 by local African American community leaders as an eternal resting place for persons of African American decent, where it is estimated that more than 10,000 individuals are buried within its bucolic 60 acres.

Standing as a memorial and monument to African American culture, family, and achievement, noted persons buried at Evergreen Cemetery include Mrs. Maggie L. Walker (civic leader, business-woman, and recognized as the first woman in the U.S. to charter and lead a bank); Mr. John Mitchell (politician, newspaper editor, and civil rights activist), Mr. Alfred D. Price (funeral director and businessman), and the Rev. J. Andrew Bowler (educator and minister).

Over the years, due to the vicissitudes of time and circumstance and without an established provision for perpetual care, Evergreen Cemetery infrastructure had fallen into disrepair by the later part of the 20th Century and its once well-manicured landscape had become overgrown and reclaimed by nature.

Heeding callings of benevolence in helping recover the neglected site from its fateful condition, many worthy individuals, organizations, and entities have mounted vital efforts over recent decades to bring about the protection, preservation, cleaning, and restoration of the site, now rechristened as Historic Evergreen Cemetery.

Some of those donating their valuable time, talent, treasure, knowledge, skills, abilities, experience, and expertise on behalf of this effort include thousands of community volunteers, descendent family members, supporters, groups, organizations, and entities, which includes (but is not limited to) the Enrichmond Foundation that purchased the site in 2017 and established the Enrichmond Foundation Historic Evergreen Cemetery Executive Planning and Review Team, Virginia Outdoors Foundation, The Honorable Delores L. McQuinn, Governor Terry McAuliffe, City of Richmond, U. S. National Park Service, Virginia Community Capital, Library of Virginia, and Preservation Virginia.

As testament to their collective efforts, Historic Evergreen Cemetery has also been awarded a grant from the nonprofit National Trust for Historic Preservation organization and was recently named a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) "site of memory associated with the Slave Route Project" – one of the first in the world.

Now, Therefore, The Richmond City Council and Mayor Levar M. Stoney do hereby officially recognize, honor, and celebrate Historic Evergreen Cemetery and thank the dedicated individuals, organizations, and entities that have given of their valuable time, talent, treasure, knowledge, skills, abilities, experience, and expertise in supporting this significant and meaningful historic preservation project; and, brings this to the attention of all Richmond residents.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands for presentation on the twenty-second day of July, two thousand nineteen, of the Common Era, in the two hundred eighty-second year of the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred forty-third year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.

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



The Honorable Levar M. Stoney
Mayor
City of Richmond



The Honorable Chris A. Hilbert
Council Vice President, Richmond City Council
Councilman, Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District





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Richmond, Virginia

RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

By virtue of the authority vested in the United States of America, Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Code of Laws and the Richmond City Charter, Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby officially recognize:

The Honorable Michael N. Herring, Esq.

Whereas, The Honorable Members of the Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby unite in solidarity and common purpose to recognize, honor, and celebrate The Honorable Michael N. Herring, Esq., for his service on behalf of Richmond residents; and

Whereas, Elected to four successive four-year terms to serve as the Commonwealth's Attorney for the Commonwealth of Virginia - Richmond Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, The Honorable Michael N. Herring's service in that position spanned 13.5 years, including the terms 2006-2009; 2010-2013; 2014-2017; and, 2018 serving until July 1, 2019, which is in addition to his previous service, from 1992-1996, as a Senior Felony Trial Attorney for Violent Crimes and Narcotics Offenses with that Office; and

Whereas, Having earned a solid reputation as a respected prosecutor and committed public servant during his tenure, The Honorable Michael N. Herring is known citywide for his personal dedication to public safety and justice on behalf of the Richmond community; and

Whereas, As further testament to his devotion, The Honorable Michael N. Herring has supported and participated in many local, statewide, and national criminal justice efforts, programs, projects, and organizations, which has included mentoring and serving on numerous boards and organizations; and

Whereas, In America, public and community service is considered to be among the most noble, important, and meaningful work a person can do and, through dedicated service, The Honorable Michael N. Herring has proven an outstanding commitment 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 valuable time, talent, treasure, labor, knowledge, skills, abilities, experience, expertise, investment, and participation of all residents in realizing the fulfillment of its promise;

Now, Therefore, The Richmond City Council does hereby recognize, honor, celebrate, and thank The Honorable Michael N. Herring, Esq., for his service on behalf of Richmond residents and for helping to make our city an even better, safer, and more wonderful place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, enjoy, and raise a family.

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The Honorable Cynthia I. Newbille
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By virtue of the authority vested in the United States of America, Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Code of Laws and the Richmond City Charter, Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby officially recognize:

Mr. Jon E. Mathiasen

President and Chief Executive Officer, Capital Region Airport Commission

Whereas, The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby unite together in solidarity and common purpose to recognize, honor, and celebrate Mr. Jon E. Mathiasen, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Capital Region Airport Commission, the authority that owns and operates the Richmond International Airport, for 19 years of dedicated service on behalf of our community, families, travelers, and visitors; and

Whereas, Located seven miles southeast of downtown Richmond in Henrico County, Virginia, Richmond International Airport is a joint civil-military public airport serviced by seven commercial passenger air carriers, their regional affiliates, and three all-cargo air carriers; and

Whereas, The airport was originally established as Richard Evelyn Byrd Flying Field in honor of Richard E. Byrd, recognized as the first person to fly over the North Pole of the Earth, in a dedication ceremony held on October 15, 1927; and

Whereas, Richard Evelyn Byrd Flying Field was officially renamed to Richard E. Byrd Airport in 1950, and eventually to Richmond International Airport in 1984; and

Whereas, In 1975, the Virginia General Assembly established the Capital Region Airport Commission, comprised of representatives from the city of Richmond and Chesterfield, Hanover, and Henrico Counties, to function as owner and operator of the airport; and

Whereas, Relocating to Richmond in April 2000, Mr. Jon E. Mathiasen took the helm of the Capital Region Airport Commission and has overseen a period of extensive growth of airport facilities during his tenure, including expansions of terminals, the creation of an International Arrivals Facility, development of an aeronautical industrial airpark, and doubling of parking capacity more than 10,000 passenger vehicles, among others; and

Whereas, As a sterling example of proper stewardship, Richmond International Airport has received many accolades during Mr. Mathiasen's tenure, including the 2012 Vision of Excellence Award, the 2013 Airport Minority Council Award, certification as a Virginia Green Travel Partner in 2015, among others;

Now, Therefore, Richmond City Council does hereby officially recognize, honor, and celebrate Mr. Jon E. Mathiasen, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Capital Region Airport Commission, for 19 years of dedicated service on behalf of the greater Richmond community; and, thanks him for helping to make our city an even better and safer place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, enjoy, and raise a family.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands for presentation on the twenty-second day of July, two thousand nineteen, of the Common Era, in the two hundred eighty-second year of the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred forty-third year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.

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

The Honorable Chris A. Hilbert
Council Vice President, Richmond City Council
Councilman, Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District

The Honorable Reva M. Trammell
Councilwoman, Richmond City Council
Richmond Southside 8th Voter District

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By virtue of the authority vested in the United States of America, Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Code of Laws and the Richmond City Charter: Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby officially recognize the:

Anniversary of Richmond's and Virginia's First Career Firefighters of African American Descent

The Honorable Members of the Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby unite in solidarity and common purpose to again recognize, honor, commemorate, and bring well deserved attention in celebrating the hiring anniversary of Richmond's and Virginia's first career firefighters of African American descent.

Blazing the way for racial integration of Richmond and all career fire departments in Virginia, on July 1, 1950, the Richmond Department of Fire and Emergency Services (then named the Richmond Fire Bureau) hired and trained 10 career Firefighters of African American descent, assigning them to Fire Engine Company # 9, then located at Fifth and Duval Streets in the city's Northside.

The distinguished roster of Richmond's and Virginia's first Firefighters of African American descent includes: Charles L. Belle, William E. Brown, Douglas P. Evans, Harvey S. Hicks II, Warren W. Kersey, Farrar Lucas, Bernard C. Lewis, Arthur L. Page, Arthur C. St. John and Linwood M. Woodridge. Arthur C. St. John was recalled to military service in 1950 and Farrar Lucas resigned in 1951; their vacancies were filled by Frederick J. Robinson and Oscar L. Blake, respectively.

The pioneering effort of these outstanding men is a tribute to their individual strength, dedication, and achievement, and marks the continued progress of Richmond and the Richmond Department of Fire and Emergency Services in leading the way for progress during a disgraceful time in our Nation's history when the practice of racial segregation denied many races and ethnicities equal education, work opportunity, facilities, and accommodations.

Due to its historic importance, in 2010, the Richmond City Council commemorated the celebrated date of July 1, 1950 on behalf the hiring anniversary of Richmond's and Virginia's first career firefighters of African American descent and forever venerates these men and the importance of this significant chapter in the advancement our city's progressive arc.

Essential to the safety and security of Richmond residents and visitors is having dedicated career fire and emergency services, which includes firefighters, officers, staff, and support personnel, as provided by the Richmond Department of Fire and Emergency Services, who serve with honor and fortitude in delivery of their duty, which, due to the exceptional nature of their work, puts them in harm's way.

Now, Therefore, The Richmond City Council does hereby officially recognize, honor, celebrate, and commemorate the date of July 1, 1950 in perpetuity as the historic hiring anniversary of Richmond's and Virginia's first career firefighters of African American descent; thanks these trailblazing men for their service; and, brings this to the attention of all Richmond residents, that they may share in this celebration.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands for presentation on the seventh day of July, two thousand nineteen, of the Common Era, in the two hundred eighty-second year of the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred forty-third year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.

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