



Richmond City Council Formal Awards Ceremony Docket

For Official Presentation: **Monday, 24 July 2017**

#	TITLE/RECIPIENT	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	MAIN PRESENTER/S
1	Girl Scouts of America, Girl Scout Commonwealth Council of Virginia, Troop #34 To be received by: Ms. Glennys Fleming <i>Troop Leader, Girl Scouts of America, Girl Scout Commonwealth Council of Virginia, Troop #34</i>	RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD	To recognize, honor and celebrate the historic formation of the first Girl Scout troop for African American girls south of the Potomac River, Troop #34.	Gray
2	The Honorable Rosalyn R. Dance, Virginia State Senator, Senate of Virginia - 16th Voter District To be received by: The Honorable Rosalyn R. Dance <i>Virginia State Senator, Senate of Virginia - 16th Voter District</i>	RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD	In recognition of The Honorable Rosalyn R. Dance's nearly 25 years of dedication and public service to the residents of the Richmond Metro Area, Petersburg, Central Virginia, and the Commonwealth.	Trammell



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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: The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby officially recognize:

Girl Scouts of America, Girl Scout Commonwealth Council of Virginia, Troop #34

Whereas, The Honorable Members of 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 Girl Scouts of America, Girl Scout Commonwealth Council of Virginia, Troop #34 and commemorate its significance and founding 85 years ago; and

Whereas, The Girl Scout Commonwealth Council of Virginia is part of the Girl Scouts of America which was established on March 12, 1912, in Savannah, Georgia, and is a non-profit youth organization for girls and young women from childhood through college-age, and promotes activities that emphasize leadership, science and technology, environmental stewardship, financial literacy, healthy living, and community; and

Whereas, The Girl Scout Commonwealth Council of Virginia was founded in 1913 and includes 10,750 girls and 5,600 adult volunteers and staff in 30 counties as well as the cities of Emporia, Richmond, Hopewell, Colonial Heights, Fredericksburg and Petersburg; and

Whereas, Due to racial segregation existing during that time, non-white persons in southern states were not allowed to participate in many social organizations and activities such as scouting; and

Whereas, Reflecting the leadership of Ms. Emma Watson, an African American woman who wanted her child to participate in the Girl Scouts as she had in Chicago before moving to Richmond, approached the local Girl Scout council in 1931 to create a troop without racial restrictions; and supported by many community activists such as historical figure Ms. Maggie L. Walker, Ms. Lena Watson, Dean of Students at Virginia Union University; and many others — Girl Scouts of America, Girl Scout Commonwealth Council of Virginia, Troop #34 was established at Virginia Union University on March 26, 1932, and is reportedly the first official Girl Scouts of America Troop for African American girls to be chartered south of the Potomac River; and

Whereas, As a glowing testament to the significance of Troop #34 in blazing the way for African American girls, shortly following, in 1936, Girl Scouts of America, Girl Scout Commonwealth Council of Virginia, Troop #35 was established at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Richmond's Jackson Ward Neighborhood, which also began sponsoring Troop #34 in 2015;

Now, Therefore, The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council do hereby officially recognize, honor and celebrate the history-making formation of the Girl Scouts of America, Girl Scout Commonwealth Council of Virginia, Troop #34; and thank the girl scouts, parents, volunteers, and sponsors for their contributions to our community; and wish to bring this legacy to the attention of all Richmond residents.

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

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

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

The Honorable Kim B. Gray
Councilwoman, Richmond City Council
Richmond North Central 2nd Voter District



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The Honorable Rosalyn R. Dance

*Virginia State Senator
Senate of Virginia - 16th Voter District*

The Honorable Members of 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 Rosalyn R. Dance, Virginia State Senator, Senate of Virginia - 16th Voter District for her many years of public service.

Serving in elected offices for nearly 25 years, Senator Dance was a member of the Petersburg City Council for 12 years, during which time she served as Mayor. In April 2005, she was elected in a special election to serve as Delegate for the Virginia House of Delegates - 63rd Voter District, where she served until being elected to serve as State Senator for the Senate of Virginia - 16th Voter District, which includes part of Richmond, Virginia.

In America, public and community service is considered to be among the most important and noble work a person can perform and, through her outstanding example, Senator Rosalyn R. Dance proves her ongoing dedication 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, investment, labor and dedication of all its residents in realizing the fulfillment of its promise.

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