

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF NEW KENT
VIRGINIA

R-13-20

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of New Kent in the Boardroom of the Administration Building in New Kent, Virginia, on the 10th day of February, 2020:

<u>Present:</u>	<u>Vote:</u>
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye
Ron Stiers	Aye
John N. Lockwood	Aye
Patricia A. Paige	Aye

Motion was made by Mr. Tiller, which carried 5:0, to adopt the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF
THE LATE JESSE ALFRED MEEKINS

WHEREAS, the late Jesse Alfred Meekins, of Providence Forge, Virginia, was born on June 17, 1932 and departed this life on Wednesday, September 18, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the late Jesse Alfred Meekins, was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse J. and Grace Meekins.

WHEREAS, the late Jesse Alfred Meekins, a member of Second Liberty Baptist Church, Quinton, Virginia, leaves to cherish his memory a loving and devoted wife, Helen Marie Meekins; daughters, Valerie Meekins, Wilnette Wiley, Yvonne Alston and sons, Chester and Jesse Meekins, Kevin Crawford; and

WHEREAS, the late Jesse Alfred Meekins, showed his love for country and man by serving in the United States Army from January, 1953 until November, 1982, culminating a distinguished career of twenty-nine years of service to a grateful nation; and

WHEREAS, the late Jesse Alfred Meekins, quickly became one of the most renowned Command Sergeant Majors of all times; and

WHEREAS, the late Jesse Alfred Meekins, was the first African-American Sergeant of the Guard of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, the late Jesse Alfred Meekins, was the Second Command Sergeant Major of the African-America descent of the Third United States Infantry Regiment, as Command Sergeant Major of the Old Guard at Fort Myer, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, following his retirement from the service, the late Jesse Alfred Meekins took on a second career as Service Officer for the Virginia Department of Veterans Affairs, making sure veterans and their dependents received their just benefits; and

WHEREAS, the late Jesse Alfred Meekins, after one year was promoted to Regional Manager where he supervised eight field offices and was recognized for many accomplishments and was named Employee of the Year retiring after twelve years of service in 1995; and

WHEREAS, the late Jesse Alfred Meekins, has always kept the County's best interest in mind by serving on the Quin Rivers Community Action Agency Board, the New Kent Civic League and the NAACP; and

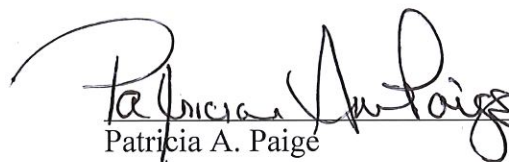
WHEREAS, the late Jesse Alfred Meekins, a man of integrity, dignity and honor and was well-respected by his peers, church family, citizens of New Kent and members of the military across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to acknowledge these qualities and further wish to express its appreciation for his service and dedication to both New Kent County and the nation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on this, 10th day of February, 2020, the New Kent County Board of Supervisors does hereby convey its deepest gratitude to the family of the late Jesse Alfred Meekins for distinguished service to both New Kent County and the nation.



Rodney A. Hathaway
County Administrator



Patricia A. Paige
Chairman