

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION

DR. J. BLAINE BLAYTON

WHEREAS, Dr. James Blaine Blayton was born in Oklahoma before it became a State and earned both undergraduate and medical degrees from Howard University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Blayton moved his medical practice from Newport News to the Greater Williamsburg Area in the midst of the depression and was a resident of the area for more than 70 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Blayton was a pioneer as a physician and a civic activist throughout his distinguished career; and

WHEREAS, he established the first medical practice, medical clinic, and hospital for African-Americans in the Williamsburg area; and

WHEREAS, his community leadership helped in the establishment of Quarterpath Park and Williamsburg Community Hospital as well as helped guide the community through the integration of the public schools and other areas of community life; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Blayton was the first African-American to serve on the James City County School Board and to serve on the Virginia State Board of Medical Examiners; and

WHEREAS, his pioneering efforts had a significant impact on the quality of life of our community and resulted in the Williamsburg Community Health Foundation selecting him as one of three original Health Care Heroes; and

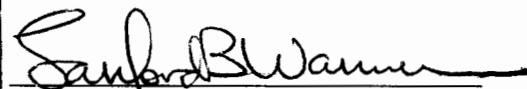
WHEREAS, Dr. James Blaine Blayton passed away on December 15, 2002, at the age of 97 after a lifetime of service to mankind.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, expresses its condolences to the Blayton family on behalf of a grateful community and adds its voice to those who honor and acknowledge Dr. James Blaine Blayton as a true pioneer, gentleman, and Health Care Hero.



Jay T. Harrison, Sr.
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Sanford B. Wanner
Clerk to the Board

<u>SUPERVISOR</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
MCGLENNON	AYE
BROWN	AYE
GOODSON	AYE
KENNEDY	AYE
HARRISON	AYE

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 14th day of January, 2003.

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