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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JIMMY GOLDSTON

WHEREAS, Jimmy Goldston was born on November 13, 1929, to James S. Goldston and Cora Brafford Goldston in Goldston, North Carolina, where he spent the early years of his life on North Main Street; and

WHEREAS, after the untimely passing of his father, Jimmy and his mother relocated to Raleigh, North Carolina, where he was educated in the Raleigh public school system before attending Campbell College for two years and later transferring to North Carolina State University, where he earned his bachelor’s degree; and

WHEREAS, in 1958, Jimmy Goldston opened the College Paint and Body Shop in Raleigh, and over the years, he owned and operated several other successful businesses in the Raleigh area, establishing himself as a respected entrepreneur and community leader; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy had a profound passion for sports, particularly North Carolina State University football, basketball, and baseball, which led him to become a dedicated baseball umpire for over forty years, officiating high school, college, and minor league games throughout the region, as well as refereeing high school basketball games, including a few at Chatham Central in the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, despite residing in Raleigh for most of his life, Jimmy maintained a deep connection to his hometown of Goldston, frequently visiting to spend time with friends and family, pay respects at the Goldston Cemetery, and attend the annual Goldston Family Reunion, where he served as the unofficial family historian, sharing rich stories about the family’s history; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy was known for his generosity and kindness, making substantial contributions to his community, including the significant donation of over \$850,000 to the Goldston Public Library during his lifetime, and through his will that will allow the library to expand and grow, ensuring it can continue to serve the greater Goldston area for years to come; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Goldston, who passed away on October 10, 2021, is remembered as a man who never met a stranger, who loved history, education, and helping others, and who had a particular passion for ensuring that the Goldston Public Library could continue to be a valuable resource for the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor and celebrate the life and legacy of Jimmy Goldston, a man of great heart, generosity, and dedication to his community, whose contributions have left a lasting impact on the Town of Goldston and beyond.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, and that a copy be provided to the Goldston Public Library in recognition of Mr. Goldston’s enduring contributions.

Adopted, this the 19th day of August 2024.

Mike Dasher, Chair

ATTEST:

Jenifer K. Johnson, MMC, Clerk to the Board