RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 031

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING THE LIFE OF CHARLES LAVERNE ALBERT.

WHEREAS, Charles L. Albert, Jr., was born on June 29, 1932 in Nassauville, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Charles L. Albert, Jr., graduated from Peck High School in Fernandina Beach and went on to attend college at Florida A&M University, graduating with a Bachelors Degree in Biology; and

WHEREAS, Charles L. Albert, Jr., had a great love for science and a desire to further his knowledge. This desire led him to obtain a degree in Organic Chemistry from Tuskegee Institute, a CBA Chemistry degree from the College of St. Teresa, and a Biological Science degree from Wake Forest University; and

WHEREAS, Charles L. Albert, Jr., served his country as a member of the armed forces where he fought in the North Korean War, Veteran Graves Registration; and

WHEREAS, Charles L. Albert, Jr. also taught Science and Chemistry for 35 years and retired from the Nassau County School District with 35 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Charles L. Albert, Jr., was elected as a City Commissioner for the City of Fernandina Beach in 1978 and in 1981, he became the City's first and only African American Mayor to date. He served on the City Commission for 18 years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving as a City Commissioner, Charles L. Albert, Jr., was actively engaged in the community and particularly loved being a role model for local youth. He

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was instrumental in the creation of the Elm Street Little League and spent many years coaching. The field at the Recreation Center was later named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Charles L. Albert, Jr., spent many hours serving his community through various Boards and Committees. He served on the Governor's Task Force for the reorganization of H.R.S., Take Stock in Children, Keep Nassau Beautiful, Rotary Club, Juvenile Delinquent Council, Police Athletic League (PAL), NAACP, American Beach Homeowners Association, Nassau County Volunteer Center, Council on Aging, Special Olympics, and Chamber of Commerce.

WHEREAS, Charles L. Albert Jr.'s, professional achievements include serving as President of the Nassau County Teacher's Association, President of the National Committee for Communicable Disease Control (NCCDC), as a member of the Paula Dawkins Commission of Education, Teacher of the Year in 1981, and was recognized by Who's Who Among American Educators; and

WHEREAS, Charles L. Albert was married to his sixth grade sweetheart and love of his life, Ernie Tyson Albert; and

WHEREAS, Charles and Ernie were married for over sixty-two years. Together, they had two sons, one daughter, six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and one godchild; and

WHEREAS, Charles L. Albert, Jr., passed away on Sunday, January 24, 2021, leaving behind a legacy that will forever be etched into the minds of those who had the privilege of knowing him; and

WHEREAS, Charles. L. Albert, Jr., will always be remembered for his love of science, his service to the community, his kind spirit and great story-telling ability.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 8th day of March, 2021, by the Board

of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that:

- 1. The Board extends their deepest sympathy to Charles L. Albert, Jr.'s friends and family.
- 2. The Board urges residents of Nassau County to keep the Albert family in their prayers as they grieve the loss of Charles L. Albert, Jr.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

THOMAS R. FORD Its: Chairman

Attest as to Chairman's Approved as to form by the Signature: Nassau County Attorney: MICHAEL S. MULLIN JOHN A. CRAWFORD Its; Ex-Officio Clerk