

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution

RAYMOND EURQUHART

- WHEREAS,** Raymond Eurquhart was born and educated in Durham North Carolina and made his transition on March 30, 2020; and
- WHEREAS,** following graduation from Hillside High School in 1966, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and served his country during the Viet Nam War era, having been stationed near Siberia; and
- WHEREAS,** during his service he met other Black airmen who had witnessed race riots on bases in California and New Jersey and with whom he began to share stories of racial injustices, discrimination and ideas and strategies for political change; and
- WHEREAS,** Eurquhart returned to Durham in 1972 and worked at American Tobacco Company until 1987, during which time he began to solidify his reputation as a community activist; and
- WHEREAS,** “Brother Ray” as he was fondly called worked for the City of Durham and served his community as a member of various boards and commissions including being elected as a Durham County Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor and an appointed member of the Durham Housing Authority Board of Commissioners; and
- WHEREAS,** Ray Eurquhart received many awards, honors and recognitions including being named the 2017 'Supervisor of the Year' by the North Carolina Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Durham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby resolve to pay tribute to

RAYMOND EURQUHART

For his tireless dedication to seeking equal rights and a better quality of life for all people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that he will forever be remembered by those who, for many years, worked shoulder to shoulder with him in the peace, labor, civil rights, and human rights movements.

This the 10th day of August 2020.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair

James Hill, Jr., Vice-Chair

Heidi Carter, Commissioner

Brenda A. Howerton, Commissioner

Ellen Reckhow, Commissioner

