COUNCIL TRIBUTE NO. 2019-01

A TRIBUTE EXPRESSING SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES UPON THE PASSING OF DR. WILLIAM B. DELAUDER.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Dover are saddened by the passing of Dr. William B. DeLauder on May 21, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DeLauder became the eighth president of then Delaware State College in 1987, and during his 16-year tenure, was instrumental in the growth and expansion of the college, not only physically through the Phase II Jason Library addition, the Warren Franklin men and women's residential halls, and the Mishoe Science Center, but also through what the college had to offer the community; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. DeLauder's presidency new and diverse academic programs were added, and he revamped the academic administration structure by establishing six main academic divisions. He launched the first-ever major capital campaign in 1991 that raised millions of dollars towards academic programs, faculty development, and student financial aid. Dr. DeLauder’s Administration also succeeded in making an effective case for the school’s elevation in status and, in 1993, the institution was renamed by the State General Assembly from Delaware State College to Delaware State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DeLauder’s achievements continue to positively impact the students and faculty at Delaware State University and he will be deeply missed by his friends, family, and all those whose lives he has touched.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council extend their deepest sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of Dr. William B. DeLauder, and hope that they will be consoled by the memories of his life and achievements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council direct the City Clerk to place this Tribute in the permanent records of the City of Dover and that a copy of this Tribute be provided to the family of Dr. William B. DeLauder.

ADOPTED: JUNE 10, 2019

ROBIN R. CHRISTIANSEN WILLIAM F. HARE
MAYOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT