

## COUNCIL TRIBUTE NO. 2018-03

A TRIBUTE EXPRESSING SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES UPON THE PASSING OF JOHN "JACK" E. RICHTER.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Dover have been greatly saddened by the death of John "Jack" E. Richter, former Mayor and Councilman, who passed away on September 25, 2018; and

WHEREAS, John E. Richter was sworn into office as Councilman of the First District on June 23, 1980 and served with distinction until May 9, 1988. During his tenure as Councilman, he served as Vice-Mayor, Chair of the Utility Committee and as a member of the Chamber of Commerce and County Government Committee, Constitution Place Advisory Committee, Legislative and Finance Committee, Long Range Planning Committee, and Tax Appeals Committee. Following his eight years of service as a Councilman, John E. Richter was sworn into office as the Mayor of the City of Dover on May 9, 1988 and served with distinction until May 11, 1992. During his tenure as Mayor, he served as a member of the Delmarva Advisory Council Program Committee and Downtown Dover Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, during his many years of service, John E. Richter demonstrated devotion to the City of Dover and served his fellow citizens tirelessly. During his time in office, he established the Dover Arts Council, Kirkwood Street Improvement and Downtown Dover Programs, initiated the Parenting Center and St. Jones River Greenway, and supported the Police Department in its pro-active force for community improvement and crime prevention. John E. Richter's contributions to the community extended well beyond his service to the City of Dover and, as President and a longtime member of the Friends of Old Dover, he worked diligently to preserve the rapidly disappearing history of our hometown.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council extend their deepest sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of "Jack" Richter, and hope that they will be consoled by the memories of his exemplary life and commendable 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 John "Jack" E. Richter.

ADOPTED: OCTOBER 22, 2018

ROBIN R. CHRISTIANSEN

MAYOR

TIMOTHY S. SLAVIN COUNCIL PRESIDENT