

RESOLUTION NO. 29622

A RESOLUTION RENAMING THE CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL BUILDING LOCATED AT 1000 LINDSAY STREET AND TO BE KNOWN AS THE "JOHN P. FRANKLIN, SR. CITY COUNCIL BUILDING".

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WHEREAS, in 1942, John P. Franklin, Sr. attended Tuskegee Institute for two (2) years before beginning service in the Army;

WHEREAS, in 1960, John P. Franklin, Sr. was named principal of W.J. Development School and a year later went to Alton Park Junior High School as principal where he held a position until 1971;

WHEREAS, in the 1970's, John P. Franklin, Sr. served as Chairman of the City School Board;

WHEREAS, in 1971, John P. Franklin, Sr. entered the City's political arena successfully running for Commissioner of Health and Education wherein he held the position for twenty (20) years and was also the City's first elected black official post Jim Crow laws;

WHEREAS, in 1981, John P. Franklin, Sr. served as President of the Tennessee School Boards Association;

WHEREAS, in 1997, the Hamilton County School Board voted to rename Alton Park Middle School in John P. Franklin, Sr.'s honor. However, in 2005, the John P. Franklin, Sr. Middle School was closed, and his school name was never restored;

WHEREAS, as a recipient of the highest number of votes among successful commission candidates, John P. Franklin, Sr. served as Vice Mayor for four (4) of five (5) year terms;

WHEREAS, John P. Franklin, Sr. was the first black President of the Tennessee Board of Education Association;

WHEREAS, John P. Franklin, Sr. was the first black President of the Tennessee Municipal League wherein he was the first non-mayor to serve.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, that the Chattanooga City Council Building located at 1000 Lindsay Street shall be known as the “John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building”.

ADOPTED: September 18, 2018

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