

RESOLUTION NO. 507

WHEREAS, Charles E. Beatley, Jr., has gaveled his last meeting to order, smoked his last cigar and snoozed through his last public hearing as Alexandria's Mayor; and

WHEREAS, our revered and soft spoken leader also has recently retired as a senior pilot from United Airlines; and

WHEREAS, his duties as Mayor and as Pilot both have required that he sit for long hours in one seat, pretend to be attentive, and insure that the passengers don't try to fly the airplane or that the citizens don't try to run the City Manager; and

WHEREAS, these long sitting sessions have led Chuck to grow fond of, indeed almost attached to, those seats and chairs which have been kindest to him and his posterior; and

WHEREAS, in a fit of nostalgia, Chuck was recently caught by United Airlines security agents while attempting to remove his captain's seat from his favorite DC-8, thus discovering that the "friendly skies" can be most unpleasant on the ground; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is far more broad-minded, not to mention a lot more fun, than your average billion dollar business; and

WHEREAS, it can now be revealed that Chuck's decision not to seek re-election stems directly from the replacement a couple years ago of his favorite old chair in the Council Chambers with a more modern one.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the undersigned do hereby declare the aforesaid chair to be an award to Chuck Beatley for his outstanding service to the City of Alexandria; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above declaration of the first and last "Chuck's Chair Award" legitimizes this removal of City property and protects the good name of Beatley from ever being accused of any wrongdoing in this matter whatsoever; and

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED, that we wish Chuck Beatley the very best in the years to come and we encourage him not to attempt to attach his old Mayor's chair to his new tractor.

/s/ B. Douglas Harman
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City Manager

Members of City Council

/s/ Melvin L. Bergheim
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/s/ A. George Cook, III
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/s/ Beverly Beidler
Beverly Beidler

/s/ Nora O. Lamborne
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/s/ Nicholas A. Colasanto
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/s/ H. Winfield McConchie, Jr.
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Adopted June 22, 1976

Helen Holloman, Clerk of the City
of Alexandria, Virginia