

RESOLUTION NO. 127

WHEREAS, Mr. Ferdinand T. Day has served with great distinction as a member of the Alexandria School Board since 1964 and as its highly regarded Chairman from July 1, 1971 to June 30, 1972; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Day, as the first Black citizen to serve on the Board, provided noteworthy leadership and impetus to the Alexandria School System in its efforts to initiate a program of positive educational change; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure significant progress was made throughout the School System in the areas of equal opportunity employment so that the staff is representative of, and has rapport with, the City's entire population; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Day as a former teacher, has consistently during his service on the School Board, and especially during his tenure as Board Chairman, been at the forefront of progressive curriculum change, fostered the development of equal educational opportunities throughout the School System and played an instrumental part in such accomplishments as the establishment of kindergartens, the establishment of middle schools and the progressive reorganization of the secondary schools; and

WHEREAS, during his service on the Building and Grounds Committee of the School Board he played a vital role in planning for school construction in the amount of \$17,728,592 ranging from additions to Minnie Howard School to the building of the John Adams Middle School and the Jefferson-Houston Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Day as Chairman of the School Board in 1971-72 truly made "communication within and without the Alexandria School System on educational matters a two-way street" thus benefiting all of Alexandria's citizens by making them more aware of what was happening in the Schools and accordingly giving them an opportunity to contribute in an informed manner to the School System's decision making process; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Day has on a day-to-day basis since 1964 worked unstintingly at proving the maxim that "better schools build better communities;" and

WHEREAS, the above-mentioned contributions by Mr. Ferdinand T. Day are but a few examples of the manner in which he has without hesitation given freely of his time to benefit this community and all of its citizens,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Alexandria extend its sincere and deep appreciation to Mr. Ferdinand T. Day for his outstanding and devoted service to the people of Alexandria.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution of Appreciation be spread upon the minutes of this City Council meeting, and, further, that a copy of it be forwarded to Mr. Day.

BY AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR. MAYOR

Adopted August 15, 1972

ATTEST:

Helen Vickers Clerk