



COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2012-13

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Dover have been greatly saddened by the death of their fellow Council Member, Sophia R. Russell, who passed away on October 6, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Sophie R. Russell was sworn into office as Councilwoman of the Fourth Council District of the City of Dover on December 20, 2005 and served with distinction in that position for nearly seven years, serving as Chair of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Enhancement Committee; Co-Chair of the Services to Seniors Committee; and member of the Safety Advisory and Transportation Committee, Youth Advisory Committee, Downtown Dover Partnership Steering Committee, Downtown Dover Development Corporation, Kent County Tourism, Consolidated Plan Advisory Group, Haggerty & Haggerty Ad Hoc Review Committee, and Tax Appeals Committee; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure, Sophia R. Russell served as a voice for the constituents of the Fourth District and spoke with empathy, passion, and candor on their behalf; and

WHEREAS, Sophia R. Russell dedicated her time and talents to furthering the interests of young people in the City of Dover and was instrumental in re-establishing a Youth Advisory Committee to promote youth involvement in government; and

WHEREAS, Sophia R. Russell served as an outspoken advocate for the rights of the underprivileged in our community, especially children, senior citizens, and the homeless, and worked tirelessly to address their needs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dover has sustained a great loss in the death of Sophia R. Russell.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council express their regret for the loss of Sophia R. Russell and extend their deepest sympathy to the members of her family and hope that they will be consoled by the memories of her exemplary life and commendable achievements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council direct the City Clerk to place this Resolution in the permanent records of the City of Dover in recognition of the many contributions graciously given to the community by Councilwoman Sophia R. Russell.

ADOPTED: OCTOBER 8, 2012

Carleton E. Carey, Sr.
Mayor

Thomas J. Leary
Council President