



COUNCIL TRIBUTE NO. 2015-01

A TRIBUTE EXPRESSING SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES UPON THE PASSING OF JOSEPH R. "BEAU" BIDEN III

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Dover have been greatly saddened by the death of former Attorney General Beau Biden, who passed away on May 30, 2015 after waging a valiant battle with brain cancer; and

WHEREAS, Beau Biden was elected Attorney General, the highest law enforcement position in the State of Delaware, in 2006, and served in that office with passion and dedication until January 2015. During his tenure as attorney general, Beau Biden vigorously pursued measures against perpetrators of child sex crimes, achieving 180 convictions, and litigated against banks and mortgage lenders who perpetrated unethical loans; and

WHEREAS, Beau Biden's entire life exemplified service to others. He worked as a young lawyer to establish the rule of law in embattled Kosovo. Beau Biden demonstrated his commitment to his country through his service in the Delaware National Guard, beginning in 2003, and serving as a major in the Judge Advocate General's Corps. He was deployed to Iraq in 2008 as a member of the 261st Signal Brigade and was a recipient of the Bronze Star; and

WHEREAS, Beau Biden chose to serve something greater than self by upholding our nation's ideals of democracy and equal justice and will be remembered for making Delaware's communities better, keeping our families safe, and setting an extremely high bar for his fellow public servants. His legacy will resonate in Delaware's history.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council extend their deepest sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of Beau Biden, and hope that they will be consoled by the memories of his exemplary life and commendable achievements.

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