COUNCIL TRIBUTE NO. 2014-02

A TRIBUTE EXPRESSING SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES UPON THE PASSING OF MILLARD F. BIDDLE:

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Dover have been greatly saddened by the death of Millard F. Biddle, former Councilman and businessman in the City, who passed away on March 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Millard F. Biddle served as Councilman of the First District from February 9, 1953 to February 11, 1957 and, during his tenure as Councilman, heard tax assessment appeals; served on the Building Commission, Hearing Committee, Fire Committee, Tree Commission, and Election Board; and dedicated his time and attention to the important functions of the City, helping to resolve the complex problems encountered; and

WHEREAS, Millard F. Biddle lived a long and productive professional life in Dover, beginning his career delivering milk via horse and buggy for local dairies, subsequently selling insurance for Prudential Insurance; owning and operating Biddle’s Market in the downtown Dover area; being employed as a salesman for Delaware Candy and Tobacco Company; and serving as a property assessor for Kent County for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Millard F. Biddle contributed greatly to the Dover community by supporting his wife, Hattyte Mae Biddle, who co-founded, co-owned and directed The Little School; dedicated his time and energy to volunteer work, including service on the leadership board of People’s Church of Dover and as a tour guide at the Johnson Victrola Museum; and was an enthusiastic promoter of Delaware tourism; and the City of Dover has sustained a great loss in the death of Millard F. Biddle.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council direct the City Clerk to place this Tribute in the permanent records of the City of Dover in recognition of the many contributions graciously given to the community by former Councilman Millard F. Biddle.

ADOPTED: APRIL 28, 2014

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