



COUNCIL TRIBUTE NO. 2016-01

A TRIBUTE EXPRESSING SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES UPON THE PASSING OF DR. EDWARD W. GOATÉ

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Dover have been greatly saddened by the death of Dr. Edward W. Goaté, who passed away in Fairfax, Virginia, on October 26, 2016, after a long illness; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Dr. Goaté moved to Dover and began his career with the Capital School District, serving as Director of Secondary Curriculum, Assistant Superintendent, and ultimately Superintendent of Schools. During his tenure with the District, he worked diligently on programs directly benefitting youth, including drug education; a pilot Children-at-Risk Program; and the Dover High School Wellness Center, which offers free medical and mental health services to youth who were previously unable to secure them. Under the direction of Dr. Goaté, the District was the recipient of many awards, including the prestigious Model School Award, which was given to only 123 public schools throughout the nation that were unusually successful in meeting the educational needs of all of their students. He also offered tremendous support to the Dover Police Department in their youth programs, and to the City of Dover in the coordination of joint efforts in an array of areas; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement from the Capital School District in 1992, Dr. Goaté was awarded the City of Dover Bronze Medal by the Mayor and Council as an expression of their sincere appreciation for his contributions to youth and the community. Following his retirement, his passion for volunteerism inspired Dr. Goaté to serve the community as an officer or member of over 20 state and local organizations, including the City of Dover Board of Adjustment, Dover Arts Council, and Sex Offender Legislation Review Committee. He took joy in working with others, particularly with organizations devoted to improving the lives of young people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council extend their deepest sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Edward W. Goaté 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 and that a copy of this Tribute be provided to the family of Dr. Edward Goaté.

ADOPTED: *

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Mayor

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Council President