

**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HENRY
CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE**

RESOLUTION NO. - R 13-576

A RESOLUTION HONORING SMITH-BARNES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO ITS CLOSING; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES OF THIS RESOLUTION; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST SIGNATURES AND AFFIX THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE CITY, AS NECESSARY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Stockbridge ("City") is a municipal corporation located within Henry County, Georgia duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia and is charged with providing public services to residents located within the corporate limits of the City; and

WHEREAS, Smith-Barnes Elementary School is located within the City of Stockbridge in Henry County, Georgia, and has a rich history having originally opened its doors in the fall of 1955; and

WHEREAS, Smith-Barnes Elementary School sits partially on land donated by Mr. Lenard Smith, an African-American leader in the community during the 1950's; and

WHEREAS, Smith-Barnes Elementary School is named, in part, for Mr. Lenard Smith, and is also named for Ms. Rena Barnes, the first principal of the School; and

WHEREAS, Smith-Barnes Elementary School was completely renovated in 1996, adding more classrooms and the latest technological facilities; and

WHEREAS, Smith-Barnes Elementary School demonstrates a warm and caring climate towards its students and faculty, as is reflected in its low faculty turnover and widespread parental involvement; and

WHEREAS, because of the long tradition of education at Smith-Barnes Elementary School the Mayor and City Council wish to honor the school, and express opposition to plans being currently discussed to close the school; and

WHEREAS, after giving the matter thorough consideration, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Stockbridge are in agreement that the City should honor Smith-Barnes Elementary School, and express the City's support in keeping the school open for its students and faculty.

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE
HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS;

Section 1. **Approval** - The Mayor and City Council of the City of Stockbridge hereby honor Smith-Barnes Elementary School, express the City's appreciation for the school's long history of education, and express the City's opposition to any plan to close the school, as well as its view that the school should remain open to serve its many students in the Stockbridge community.

Section 2. **Approval of Execution** - The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

Section 3. **Documents** - The City Clerk is authorized to execute, attest to, and seal any documents which may be necessary to effectuate this Resolution, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

Section 4. **Severability** - To the extent any portion of this Resolution is declared to be invalid, unenforceable, or non-binding, that shall not affect the remaining portions of this Resolution.

Section 5. **Repeal of Conflicting Provisions** - All City resolutions inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Section 6. **Effective Date** - This Resolution shall be effective on the date of its approval by the City Council and Mayor as provided in the City Charter.

SO RESOLVED, this the 20th day of December, 2013.

CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE, GEORGIA



MARK A. ALARCON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



RHONDA A. BLACKMON, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



WILLIAM J. LINKOUS, III, CITY ATTORNEY
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