

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF DARLINGTON)

RESOLUTION NO. 786

Resolution Honoring The Late Judge Michael Shea Holt, Sr.

WHEREAS, Michael Shea Holt, Sr. was born in Hartsville, South Carolina, educated in the public schools of Darlington County, and graduated from the University of South Carolina where he was a member of Kappa Alpha Order and the Student Alumni Association.

WHEREAS, Michael Shea Holt, Sr. attended the University of South Carolina School of Law. Upon graduation, he returned to his hometown of Hartsville where he joined the law firm of the late Senator Ed Saleeby.

WHEREAS, Michael Shea Holt, Sr. served as Mayor of the City of Hartsville from 2005 to 2009. He also served as an adjunct professor at Coker University, president of the Hartsville Kiwanis Club, as well as a board member of Hartsville YMCA, Hartsville Chamber of Commerce, the Municipal Association of South Carolina, F3, and many other clubs and organizations.

WHEREAS, Michael Shea Holt, Sr. was awarded the Distinguished Young Alumni Award at the University of South Carolina in 2008 and South Carolina’s highest civilian award, the Order of the Palmetto, in 2024.

WHEREAS, Michael Shea Holt, Sr. was elected to the South Carolina Family Court bench in 2008 and served until his election to the Circuit Court bench in 2021 where he served as the Circuit Court Judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit of South Carolina until his death on July 28, 2024.

WHEREAS, Darlington County mourns the passing of Judge Michael Shea Holt, Sr., a distinguished Family Court Judge whose unwavering dedication and exceptional service profoundly impacted the lives of many in our community. His legacy and lifetime of service will be remembered with great respect and gratitude.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of Darlington County, South Carolina, the Darlington County Council, on behalf of the citizens of Darlington County, extends its heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of Judge Michael Shea Holt, Sr. We honor his memory and express our deep appreciation for his exemplary service to our community. May God bring you peace and healing.

Adopted by the Darlington County Council on October 7, 2024.



Bobby Hudson

Bobby Hudson, Chairman
Darlington County Council

Janet Bishop

Attest: Janet Bishop
Clerk to Council