

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY AND SERVICE OF  
BIRT MOSES BUCHANAN

Whereas, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen deems it appropriate to pass this resolution honoring the memory and service of Birt Moses Buchanan, a citizen of Lincoln County, Tennessee, who valiantly and proudly served his country in World War I; and

Whereas, Birt Moses Buchanan was born in 1896 to Pryor and Polly Buchanan and raised in the Petersburg community of Lincoln County, Tennessee; and

Whereas, Birt Moses Buchanan was inducted into the United States Army at age 22, serving in a segregated engineering battalion in France during World War I, initially with Company D, 521 Engineers; then with Company D, 523 Engineers; and finally with 20 Service Co. 20<sup>th</sup> Engineers; and

Whereas, while serving his country, Birt Moses Buchanan sailed for France from Newport News, Virginia aboard the *USS Martha Washington* on July 10, 1928; and

Whereas, Birt Moses Buchanan was aboard the transit ship *USS Siboney* when it sailed from Brest, France on June 27, 1919; and

Whereas, Birt Moses Buchanan returned to the United States aboard the *USS Siboney* on July 5, 1919, as part of the last units of the 20<sup>th</sup> Engineers who arrived in Newport News; and

Whereas, Birt Moses Buchanan was honorably discharged from the United States Army on July 12, 1919; and

Whereas, after the conclusion of his service to his country, Birt Moses Buchanan worked as a farmer and in the building trades; and

Whereas, Birt Moses Buchanan served as a trustee and treasurer of the building fund for the Caldwell United Methodist Church; and

Whereas, Birt Moses Buchanan was the subject of the renowned painting, "The Veteran," completed by former Tennessee Artist in Residence H. R. Lovell, in 1988; and

Whereas, Birt Moses Buchanan died at the age of 94 at the Alvin C. York Medical Center and is buried in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Fayetteville, Tennessee, beside his wife Roberta Gaunt Buchanan; and

Whereas, local descendants of Birt Moses Buchanan include his great-niece, Emma Hardin.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the members of Board of Mayor and Aldermen honor the memory of Birt Moses Buchanan and posthumously thank Birt Moses Buchanan for his distinguished service to his country and community; and

Be it further resolved by this Board of Mayor and Aldermen that this resolution of respect and esteem be spread upon the minutes of the Board and that a copy be forwarded to Emma Hardin.

This 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael T. Whisenant", written in dark ink over a horizontal line.

MICHAEL T. WHISENANT

Mayor