



RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM

- WHEREAS, on December 11, 2020, the City of Mount Holly and the Mount Holly Police Department lost an outstanding young member of its law enforcement family when Officer Tyler Avery Herndon, age 25, was fatally wounded in the line of duty while responding to a break-in of a local business on December 11, 2020; and,
- WHEREAS, the City of Mount Holly, and his fellow Mount Holly law enforcement officers, joined law enforcement and citizens across Gaston County and the State in remembrance of the service and sacrifice of Officer Herndon, as he was laid to rest on December 15, 2020; and,
- WHEREAS, Senator Thom Tillis honored his memory on the floor of the United States Congress during the Proceedings and Debates of the 116th Congress, Second Session, and a transcript of this speech will be forever kept in the Congressional Record of the United States Library of Congress as Volume 166, Number 212; and,
- WHEREAS, Officer Herndon, born December 13, 1994, was raised in Kings Mountain, NC and graduated from Kings Mountain High School in 2013, where he was a member of the soccer team; and,
- WHEREAS, he attended First Baptist Church in Kings Mountain, North Carolina, along with his loving parents, Mark and Debbie Herndon, and sister, Lindsey Herndon; and,
- WHEREAS, Officer Herndon graduated from the University of North Carolina-Charlotte on December 15, 2017, earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Psychology; and,
- WHEREAS, he graduated Summa Cum Laude from Cleveland Community College in May of 2018, where he obtained his certificate in Basic Law Enforcement; and,
- WHEREAS, on January 23, 2019, Tyler Avery Herndon accepted the oath of office as a Mount Holly Police Officer and began his pursuit of a career in law enforcement as a member of the Adam Team of the Patrol Division; and,
- WHEREAS, Officer Herndon quickly distinguished himself in the force and was in the top three of the Department in felony charges and arrests in 2020. He was also well known for helping those in need and for his strong sense of duty and morality, which guided him throughout his young life.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners joins in posthumously honoring and commemorating

Mount Holly Police Officer Tyler A. Herndon

for his selfless determination and bravery in protecting the citizens of Mount Holly and for making the ultimate sacrifice in the performance of his duties to serve his fellow man. His steadfast courage, work ethic, and genuine compassion for others will never be forgotten.

Tom Keigher, Chairman

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To be Adopted the 25th Day of May 2021