

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: August 7, 2015

SUBJECT: Resolution in Memoriam – Howard “Doc” Norton

PRESENTER: Chairman J. Michael Edney

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1.) Resolution

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners is requested to adopt the attached Resolution in Memoriam for Howard “Doc” Norton, who passed away on July 22, 2017. For close to 40 years, Doc Norton was the only doctor in Mills River. He was a founding member of the Mills River Volunteer Fire Department in 1968 and served the fire department in many positions until his death. He was a member of the Henderson County Fire Commission and served as Henderson County coroner for years. Doc Norton made enumerable outstanding contributions to the government and citizens of Henderson County.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to adopt the attached Resolution as presented.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Board adopt the attached Resolution of Memoriam for Howard “Doc” Norton.

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RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM

HOWARD "DOC" NORTON

October 28, 1927- July 22, 2017

WHEREAS, Howard "Doc" Norton served in the United States Navy during World War II where he discovered his passion for medicine; and

WHEREAS, Upon leaving the Navy, he attended Wofford College and The Medical University of South Carolina at Charleston; and

WHEREAS, After completion of his internship and residency, Doc Norton received information that Mills River needed a doctor; in 1957 he moved his family and began a practice that he successfully ran for 37 years; and

WHEREAS, during his service as a doctor to Henderson County residents, Doc Norton also served his community by becoming a well-respected leader serving on boards and committees at his church, generously giving of his time and finances; and

WHEREAS, Doc Norton was instrumental in founding the Mills River Volunteer Fire Department in 1968, through the years serving as a Lieutenant, Captain, Assistant Chief, Training Instructor, Chaplain and Board of Directors Chairman; and

WHEREAS, Doc Norton served as a member of the Henderson County Fire Commission and as the Henderson County Coroner for many years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Howard "Doc" Norton will be remembered for his outstanding contributions to our community through his service as a military veteran, a physician, and community leader and that his commitment to the citizens of the county will be remembered and missed.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the County of Henderson to be affixed.

Adopted this the 7th day of August 2017.

J. MICHAEL EDNEY, CHAIRMAN
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

TERESA L. WILSON, CLERK TO THE BOARD