

**RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA ON JANUARY 8, 2018**

A motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____
_____ for the adoption of the following Resolution and upon
being put to a vote was duly adopted:

WHEREAS, Julius Chambers advanced the rights of minorities and low-income people through his tireless advocacy in the forms of litigation, scholarly research, and grassroots activism, and enhanced racial equality throughout the nation from his home state of North Carolina.

WHEREAS, Julius Chambers was born in 1936 in Mount Gilead, North Carolina and graduated summa cum laude from what is now North Carolina Central University. After obtaining a master's degree in history from the University of Michigan, Julius Chambers returned to his native North Carolina to study law at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He graduated first in his class and served as Editor-in-Chief of the Law Review.

WHEREAS, Julius Chambers was one of the first two NAACP Legal Defense Fund scholarship recipients and was the Legal Defense Fund's first Legal Fellow. After working as an intern and lawyer, cooperating attorney, board member and board chair, Julius Chambers served as Director-Counsel of the Legal Defense Fund from 1984 to 1993.

WHEREAS, Julius Chambers founded the first integrated law firm in the State of North Carolina, where he worked to advance civil rights and litigated landmark civil rights cases in the United States Supreme Court. While his home and car were firebombed and his office was burned to the ground on separate occasions through the height of some of his most contentious civil rights trials, Julius Chambers' composed refrain of 'just keep fighting' resounded across the State and the nation. Julius Chambers won numerous cases before the United States Supreme Court, including *Swann v. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education* and *Griggs v. Duke Power Company*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution is adopted by the Charlotte City Council in acknowledgement of the importance of Julius Chambers to the advancement of civil rights and the practice of law in the State of North Carolina and in support of the North Carolina Department of Transportation in the designation of "I-85 from the I-77 interchange to the I-85 Connector" in the State of North Carolina of the National System for Interstate and Defense Highways as the "Julius Chambers Memorial Highway."