



# City of Harrisonburg

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## A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. RONALD E. CARRIER

**WHEREAS**, Ronald Edwin Carrier became the fourth president of Madison College in 1971 and served in that capacity for 27 years; and

**WHEREAS**, despite being the youngest college president in the nation, Dr. Carrier adopted a bold vision to transform Madison College from a state teacher's college into one of the nation's most well-respected comprehensive universities; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Carrier successfully guided the transition of Madison College into James Madison University; and

**WHEREAS**, during Dr. Carrier's presidency, 40 new academic programs designed to meet the needs of the Commonwealth were created; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Carrier's passion for the JMU athletic program was the basis for the establishment of a football program and the elevation of all of JMU athletics to the NCAA Division I level and laid the groundwork for the University's national championships – one in field hockey and two in football; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Carrier's holistic, student-centered approach to higher education made him a true leader in the Commonwealth of Virginia and throughout the country; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Carrier and his wife, Edith, valued the relationship between James Madison University and the City of Harrisonburg, working tirelessly to advance the mutual benefit of the two; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Carrier's civic activities, affiliations, commissions, councils and public service boards were numerous; and

**WHEREAS**, the positive impact of Dr. Carrier's work at James Madison University will forever be remembered in the Harrisonburg – Rockingham County community and throughout the Commonwealth; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Harrisonburg City Council expresses its deepest condolences to the friends and family of Dr. Ronald E. Carrier upon his passing on Monday, Sept. 18, 2017; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Harrisonburg City Council recognizes the significant contributions that Dr. Carrier made to the City of Harrisonburg and joins with the rest of the JMU and Harrisonburg community in celebrating the life of Dr. Ronald E. Carrier.

Adopted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deanna R. Reed, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alexander Banks VI, City Clerk