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*A Resolution of Remembrance
Of the Life of*

Mr. Willie T. Summerville

BE IT RESOLVED that members of Urbana School District #116's Board of Education, Administration, Faculty, Staff, Students, and Families extend our deepest and most heartfelt condolences to the family and entire community during this time of sorrow for the passing of our beloved and admired, Mr. Willie T. Summerville on March 7, 2017.

WHEREAS Mr. Summerville worked in Urbana School District #116, at Urbana Junior High, Urbana Middle School, and Urbana High School, as a choral music teacher from 1970 to 2005; and

WHEREAS Mr. Summerville provided mentoring and leadership to numerous students, teachers, administrators, and musicians; and

WHEREAS thousands of students and families benefited from the instruction, love, friendship, and music that Mr. Summerville shared with every one of his students and the entire community; and

WHEREAS Mr. Summerville shared his knowledge and love of choral music in classrooms, churches, and performance halls; and

WHEREAS Mr. Summerville arranged opportunities for Urbana Students to experience collegiate and professional choral music by arranging and funding tours to benefit high school and college students; and

WHEREAS Mr. Summerville organized trips for the UHS Chorus that gave our student the opportunity to perform in Carnegie Hall, New York City; The Duke Ellington School of Arts, Washington DC; and St. Peter's Basilica, Rome, and

WHEREAS Mr. Summerville's students have excelled in music and in life in ways that carry on his passion and positive energy; and

WHEREAS Mr. Summerville's positive presence will be deeply missed in the schools and throughout the community where he worked to bring the messages of love and faith to the world through music.

The passing of Mr. Willie T. Summerville has left a deep sorrow and sense of loss; however, we, in Urbana School District #116, are forever grateful to have had the honor and privilege to have shared, lived, and learned from and with such an amazing individual. We are honored to be working with Mr. Summerville's children to create and award the "Willie T. Summerville Scholarships" for Urbana High School seniors who embody Mr. Summerville's positive energy, faith, friendship, and love of life.

Respectfully submitted: March 17, 2017

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