

# City of Annapolis



## City Council Citation John T. Chambers, Jr. In Memoriam

On behalf of the citizens of the City of Annapolis, we are pleased to confer upon you, the family of John Thomas Chambers, Jr., this **CITY COUNCIL CITATION** in recognition of Mayor Chambers' dedication and commitment to the citizens of Annapolis, both as an Alderman and as the First African American Mayor of Annapolis. Mayor Chambers began serving our citizens in 1967 when he became the Ward 7 Alderman, but after the City expanded to eight wards, Ward 3 elected him to represent Parole and other neighborhoods on the west side of the City. As Alderman, he introduced legislation for the Mayor to be a full-time position, worked to establish rent control, advocated for making Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday a State and City holiday, and placed a plaque at the foot of Main Street honoring Alex Haley's ancestor, Kunta Kinte. Following the unfortunate death of Mayor Gustav Akerland, the Annapolis City Council unanimously appointed Mr. John T. Chambers, Jr. as Mayor, a position he held from April 12 to June 7, 1981 thereby becoming Annapolis' first African-American Mayor. Mayor Chambers continued to devote his time and talents to his community and shouldered the burden of the office during a period of severe turmoil. We honor his memory tonight and continue to show our eternal gratitude for his contributions to our City.

Given Under Our Hands and the Great Seal of the City of Annapolis this 27th day of October, 2014.

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Michael J. Pantelides  
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