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Former Mayor Wallace a Distinguished Citizen

Sept. 16, 2016 - Former Mayor George E. Wallace, who served Hampton for 38 years as both an employee and an elected official, has been awarded the city's Distinguished Citizen Medal for his extraordinary service. The award, established in 1964, is roughly Hampton's version of a key to the city. It has been awarded fewer than three dozen times.

Wallace joined the City of Hampton staff in 1975 and served until 2005 in various positions, including assistant manager for community services, assistant city manager for strategic planning and economic development, and city manager.

He was elected to City Council in 2008 and also served as vice mayor and mayor. During that time, he represented the city on various boards and commissions, including: the Virginia Municipal League, the Office of Human Affairs, Virginia First Cities, Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, Hampton Roads Air Quality Committee, the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities, Peninsula Mayors and Chairs, Hampton Roads Mayors and Chairs, the Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance, Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission, and the Peninsula Airport Commission.

His service and civic groups include: 100 Black Men of the Virginia Peninsula, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the American Society for Public Administration, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Hampton Roads, the Hampton Rotary Club (a Paul Harris Fellow), the International City Management Association, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity Inc., and First Baptist Church King Street.



Wallace received his medal at a benefit for the Virginia Peninsula Boys and Girls Club on Aug. 21; City Council passed the formal resolution at its Sept. 14 meeting.

(Photo of Wallace and City Council courtesy of Dalton Dale Nixon of Outstanding Memories)

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