



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Leslie Holland Garner, the son of Lila and Howard Claus Garner, was born in Newport ninety years ago on April 26, 1919. He moved to Greenville with his family in 1931 graduating from Greenville High School in 1937 and went on to serve his country in World War II, became a successful businessman, and served as Mayor of the City of Greenville from January 1986 to December 1987;

**WHEREAS**, throughout his vivacious life, Former Mayor Garner freely and generously gave of himself as he worked to make Greenville a better place to live. During the month of January 2009, he was honored by the Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce as the second recipient of the Legends Award for his decades of community service. In 2008, the Scales-Aldridge-Garner Golf Tournament was named in his honor;

**WHEREAS**, Former Mayor Garner was a charter member and Chairman of the Advisory Board of St. James United Methodist Church, Chairman of the Salvation Army Advisory Board who enthusiastically led the Salvation Army's Christmas Fund Drive for more than 40 years, Master of the local Masonic Lodge and Grand Master of Grand Lodge of North Carolina;

**WHEREAS**, Former Mayor Garner was an active member of Kiwanis for more than 40 years, and during his leadership he helped organize more than 50 Kiwanis clubs including the first Golden K Club and the first female club in Kiwanis International. He was both Lieutenant Governor and Governor of the Carolinas District;

**WHEREAS**, Former Mayor Garner was the second President of the East Carolina University Pirate Club and an active supporter and fan of the University athletics;

**WHEREAS**, Former Mayor Garner will be remembered by many for his concern for children with special needs, leading the singing of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" at home Pirate baseball games, and the success of the University City Kiwanis Project which now raises \$50,000 annually for the benefit of local charities; and

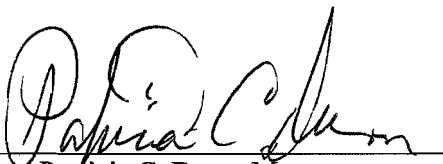
**WHEREAS**, his long life of community service is worthy of having a day named in his honor as a small token of appreciation for his many contributions to this City;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2009 as

## **LESLIE HOLLAND GARNER DAY**

in the City of Greenville in recognition of him and his extraordinary contributions to this community.

This 26th day of April, 2009.

  
Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor