



Office of the Mayor
City of Greenville

Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1897, Edmund Hoover Taft opened a store on Evans Street and in the 1920s formed a partnership with his brother-in-law to create Taft-Vandyke; and

WHEREAS, in the late 1920s, Edmund Hoover Taft's sons, William H. Taft, Sr. and Joseph M. Taft, Sr. joined him in the family business; and

WHEREAS, when the Vandyke portion of the business split into a separate company, the business became known as Taft Furniture; and

WHEREAS, Taft Furniture has been a landmark in the downtown area where citizens could go to get high quality furniture; and

WHEREAS, Taft Furniture, as a family-owned business spanning three generations of Tafts, has provided unparalleled service to this area; and

WHEREAS, William H. Taft, Jr.; Joseph M. Taft, Jr. Louis Taft, and Edgar Taft currently run Taft Furniture, and they have decided to close on Saturday, December 16, after having been in business for 109 years; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the city of Greenville and surrounding area will surely miss the cordial atmosphere and quality furniture that can be found in Taft Furniture;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert D. Parrott, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina do hereby proclaim Saturday, December 16, 2006 as

Taft Furniture Appreciation Day

and extend sincere appreciation to the Tafts for the outstanding service they have provided to the citizens, not only in Greenville, but in surrounding areas as well.

This 16th day of December, 2006.


Robert D. Parrott, Mayor