



**CITY OF NEW HAVEN
BOARD OF ALDERS**

March 16, 2015

Honorable Jorge Perez
President, New Haven Board of Alders

Dear President Perez:

We, the undersigned Alders, would like to respectfully submit for unanimous consent to the Board of Alders, the attached resolution expressing deep regret at the passing of former Mayor John C. Daniels, a trailblazer, as well as a devoted leader and public servant.

John C. Daniels, New Haven's barrier breaking first African-American Mayor, died Saturday, March 14, 2015 at the age of 78 after a long illness. Former Mayor Daniels started out from humble beginnings as a little boy growing up in New Haven's old Elm Haven housing project, rising through the ranks to serve as a distinguished member of this body as an Alderman for seven terms during the 1970s (eventually serving as majority leader), then for ten years as State Senator (1980-1990), before being elected Mayor in 1989 and serving two terms.

He is remembered as a tremendous role model, ground breaker and advocate in the African-American community, as well as for being a decent and devoted public servant, especially during his tenure as Mayor of New Haven from January 1, 1990 through the end of 1993.

The city's pioneering first black chief executive is given great credit for instituting community-based policing in the city which led to a dramatic decrease in violent crime, implementing a needle exchange program, overseeing improvements in the Public Works Department and Human Services area, as well as building broad coalitions in our diverse city.

Also known as a local sports hero and football referee, Daniels is remembered with admiration as well for having the courage to step up to be Mayor during a very difficult time in the city's history when violent crime was high, the economy had tanked, unemployment and homelessness were on the rise, city resources were very limited, and there was considerable internal strife in New Haven between various factions. In later years, his success at breaking barriers and paving the way for those who came after him, as well as his devotion to helping to improve the lives of others brought continued recognition, most notably by the city naming a street at the rebuilt former Elm Haven development, and then a school in the Hill, after Daniels.

It is fitting and proper at this moment of loss to pay tribute to a distinguished gentleman who worked so tirelessly and with passionate devotion during his lifetime in great service to the city he loved. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS EXPRESSING DEEP REGRET AT THE PASSING OF FORMER MAYOR JOHN C. DANIELS, A TRAILBLAZER AND DEVOTED LEADER AND PUBLIC SERVANT.

WHEREAS: John C. Daniels, New Haven's barrier breaking first African-American mayor, died Saturday, March 14, 2015 at the age of 78 after a long illness; and

WHEREAS: former Mayor Daniels started out from humble beginnings as a little boy growing up in New Haven's old Elm Haven housing project, rising through the ranks to serve as a distinguished member of this body as an Alderman for seven terms during the 1970s (eventually serving as majority leader), then for ten years as State Senator (1980-1990), before being elected Mayor in 1989 and serving two terms; and

WHEREAS: he is remembered as a tremendous role model, ground breaker and advocate in the African-American community, as well as for being a decent and devoted public servant, especially during his tenure as Mayor of New Haven from January 1, 1990 through the end of 1993; and

WHEREAS: the city's pioneering first black chief executive is given great credit for instituting community-based policing in the city which led to a dramatic decrease in violent crime, implementing a needle exchange program which saved lives during the peak years of the AIDS epidemic, overseeing improvements in the Public Works Department and Human Services area, as well as building broad coalitions in our diverse city; and

WHEREAS: Daniels, also known as a local sports hero and football referee, is remembered with admiration as well for having the courage to step up to be Mayor during a very difficult time in the city's history when violent crime was high, the economy had tanked, unemployment and homelessness were on the rise, city resources were very limited, and there was considerable internal strife in New Haven between various factions; and

WHEREAS: in later years, his success at breaking barriers and paving the way for those who came after him, as well as his devotion to helping to improve the lives of others brought continued recognition, most notably by the city naming a street at the rebuilt former Elm Haven development, and then a school in the Hill, after Daniels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the New Haven Board of Alders expresses its deep regret at the passing of former Mayor John C. Daniels, a trailblazer who created new opportunities for future generations and a devoted leader, who represented this city with great distinction as an Alderman, State Senator and Mayor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution, duly passed by the Board, be forwarded with sincerest condolences to the family of former Mayor John C. Daniels.

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