

# Chatham County Resolution Honoring Dr. A.F. McCleave

WHEREAS, Dr. A.F. McCleave devoted his life's work to uplifting humanity through service as a minister and public school teacher; and

WHEREAS, after distinguishing himself in his academic pursuits and after serving his country as a Chaplain in World War I, Dr. McCleave came to Chatham County with his wife in the fall of 1931 to the Goldston Colored Grammer School; and

WHEREAS, while he served as principal and teacher, Dr. McCleave had a dream of establishing a high school for African-American boys and girls in the Goldston area, because these children had to travel to Siler City, Pittsboro, or Sanford for a high-school education; and

WHEREAS, through his motivation and leadership, his dream was finally realized in 1938 with the establishment of the high school in Goldston; and

WHEREAS, in addition to enhancing the educational opportunities of children, Dr. McCleave devoted himself to promoting the spiritual well being of his community through his service as pastor of several Baptist churches in Chatham County; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McCleave served as Pastor of Wall Street Baptist Church and Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Moncure, helped organize the Pine Ridge Baptist Church in Sanford, and held offices in the Deep River Missionary Baptist Association, the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, the NAACP, and the Chatham-Lee Credit Union; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his contributions to Chatham County, the Sage Academy Library is being named in his honor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, North Carolina, that we hereby honor the life of Dr. A.F. McCleave for his dedication to the educational and spiritual betterment of his community and Chatham County.

Adopted this, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2004.

  
Thomas J. Emerson, Chair

  
Carl Outz, Vice Chair

  
Bob Atwater, Commissioner

  
Bunkey Morgan, Commissioner

  
Margaret Bryant Pollard, Commissioner