



# THE COMMON COUNCIL

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*I, Kari J. Van Diest, Deputy Clerk of the Common Council, hereby certify on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2014 that the following Resolution is a true and exact copy of one and the same adopted by the Common Council of the City of Winchester, assembled in regular session on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2014.*

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, Eugene C. “Gene” Babb was a native of Winchester, graduated from John Handley High School, and served in the Navy during World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, Eugene Babb served on Winchester City Council from 1958 until 1961, serving as chairman of the Health and Social Services Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Eugene Babb was appointed by City Council to serve on numerous boards and commissions, including the Planning Commission from 1988 to 1991, the Winchester-Frederick County Economic Development Commission while on the Planning Commission, the Local Board of Social Services from 1981 to 1984, and the Electoral Board for the 1974 General Election; and

**WHEREAS**, Eugene Babb became a member of the Screen Actors Guild and landed a speaking part in the motion picture “What About Bob” as well as parts in over 50 motion pictures, made-for-TV movies, and commercials, including “The Pelican Brief”, and “Clear and Present Danger”; and

**WHEREAS**, Eugene Babb performed in numerous local productions at Shenandoah Summer Music Theatre at Shenandoah University and at the Winchester Little Theatre where he was a past president; and

**WHEREAS**, Eugene Babb was active in numerous community organizations including the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival, the Winchester Exchange Club, Mt Hebron Cemetery, Preservation of Historic Winchester, the Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society, Friends of the Handley Library, and many other organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, Eugene Babb was a pronouncer for the Regional Spelling Bee 27 times between the late 1970s and 2010, serving local youngsters hoping to advance to the Scripps National Spelling Bee; and

**WHEREAS**, Gene had a great love of the English language and its proper use and rarely hesitated from letting people know if they had used a word or punctuation incorrectly such as those asking to approach the podium in the Council Chambers to which he would respond “there is no podium for you to step on, but you may approach the lectern”; and

**WHEREAS**, the presence of this devoted family member, pronouncer, actor, friend, dedicated public official, and community volunteer whose sense of humor and fondness for telling jokes will be sorely missed.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it hereby resolved that the Common Council of the City of Winchester joins others from throughout the Winchester area in expressing its sorrow at the November 30, 2014 death of Eugene C. “Gene” Babb.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk of the Common Council of the City of Winchester is requested to prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Eugene C. “Gene” Babb.

**Resolution No. 2014-50.**

**ADOPTED** by the Common Council of the City of Winchester on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2014.

*Witness my hand and the seal of the City of Winchester, Virginia.*

*Kari J. Van Diest, CMC  
Deputy Clerk of the Common Council*