



Proclamation

Recognizing Tiegh Thompson for 41 years of service to the Deakins Family Cemetery in University Park

Whereas, Parcel A, Lot 7 of Block 20 is part of a tract of about 224 acres purchased in 1758 by William Deakins, Sr. and willed to his son, Revolutionary War Col. Leonard Deakins; and known variously as "Edmonson's Pasture resurvey of Jackson's necessity" or "Smith's Folley" or "Bloomfield"; and

Whereas, Parcel A of Lot 7 was reserved as a Deakins family burying ground and there are 19 family members buried in the plot, including those who fought in the Revolutionary War and the Civil War; and

Whereas, responsibility for the perpetual maintenance and care of the Deakins family burying ground was vested by the Deakins family with St. Matthews Episcopal Church, in Hyattsville, Maryland; and

Whereas, Tiegh Thompson began taking care of the Deakins family plot after the purchase of his home, which neighbors the cemetery, in the late spring of 1976; and

Whereas, St. Matthews Episcopal Church transferred responsibility for the perpetual maintenance of Parcel A, the Deakins family cemetery, to the Town of University Park through an agreement dated March 20, 1984; and

Whereas, Mr. Thompson recognizes the importance of the family plot to local history and has taken care of the plot in a manner which enhances its quiet beauty and honors the Deakins family; and

Now, Therefore, The Mayor and Council of University Park, Maryland, does proclaim its appreciation and hearty thanks to Tiegh Thompson for his 41 years of service to the community, evidenced by the care he has given to the Deakins family cemetery in University Park.

This 20th day of March, 2017

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'L. Carey', is written over a horizontal line.

Lenford C. Carey, Mayor

