



Mayoral Proclamation

Honoring Erwin Mack For His Decades of Service to Takoma Park

WHEREAS, Erwin Mack has been active in the Takoma Park community since the early 1980's, when he was the owner and operator of Denis Sleep Shop on New Hampshire Avenue near University Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, since that time he has been active in business, community and faith organizations, all with an interest in improving the area for residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mack advocated for the creation of the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Development Authority, served as its President for nine years from its beginning in 1987, and then served as its Executive Director for 15 years; and

WHEREAS, one particularly notable achievement in 2001 was having the US Postal Service change the zip code for the Takoma Langley area in Takoma Park from 20783 to 20912 so that "Takoma Park" would be part of the postal address for Takoma Park businesses and residents; and

WHEREAS, throughout his service in the Crossroads, Mr. Mack advocated strongly for pedestrian safety, aesthetic improvements, crime prevention measures, and business assistance; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mack's efforts for pedestrian safety were particularly notable, resulting in the installation of safety fencing on University Boulevard and New Hampshire Avenue and serving as Chair of the Montgomery County Pedestrian Safety Committee; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work in the Crossroads area, Mr. Mack was known for serving as Santa Claus at holiday events and driving his Model T car in Independence Day parades; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mack's work on behalf of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Takoma Park facilitated communications between faith, community and governmental agencies in order to better serve Takoma Park area residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATE STEWART, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND do hereby proclaim our appreciation of Erwin Mack's many years of service to the Takoma Park community and name Erwin Mack and his wife Sylvia as Honorary Takoma Park Residents.

Dated this 22nd day of January, 2020.

Kate Stewart
Mayor