

Introduced by: Councilmember Snipper

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND  
RESOLUTION 2011-42  
MEMORIALIZING FORMER CORPORATION COUNSEL VINCENT GINGERICH**

- WHEREAS,** Vincent Leonard Gingerich began his private law practice in Takoma Park in 1944 where, during the early years, he practiced aviation law; and
- WHEREAS,** he later shifted his focus toward a general practice with emphasis on family law, wills, trusts, estate planning, probate and real property; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Gingerich served as Corporation Counsel to the City of Takoma Park from 1950 to 1981; and
- WHEREAS,** during his tenure, he spent considerable time resolving many problems involved in the enforcement of the City's Housing Code seeking to obtain compliance by persuasion rather than by confrontation and litigation; and
- WHEREAS,** at that time, when citizens with other legal problems consulted the City Clerk, it was not uncommon for the City Clerk to send them to the Corporation Counsel on a pro bono basis, for advice and/or resolution; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Gingerich had a long history of service to the Montgomery County Bar Association and the Maryland State Bar Association;
- WHEREAS,** he served as President of the Maryland State Bar Association from 1978-79 and, during his term, he established a statewide Lawyer Referral Service, the Lawyer Counseling Service, and the Litigation Section; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1999, Mr. Gingerich received the Century of Service Award from the Montgomery County Bar Association; and
- WHEREAS,** in addition to his many professional and civic activities, Mr. Gingerich was a member of the Takoma Park Lions Club for over 66 years; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2005, at the age of 85, he retired from active practice of law as a partner of the firm of Gingerich and Culpepper, LLP, in Silver Spring;
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Gingerich was born on October 25, 1917 and passed away on April 18, 2011.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT** the Council recognizes the service provided to the City of Takoma Park by Vincent Gingerich during his term as Corporation Counsel as well as his many contributions to the legal community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Council expresses condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Gingerich upon his passing.

**Adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.**

Attest:

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Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk